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MEMBERS

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BOARD OF FINANCE AND TAXATION

1885—6.

EMIL E. DATZ, *President.*

JOHN EDELSTEIN. AUGUSTUS A. HARDENBERGH.

THOMAS D. JORDAN. WILLIAM D. REYNOLDS.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, *Clerk.*

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR, *Ass't. Clerk.*

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Standing Committees.

1885—6.

Finance and Claims:

Hardenbergh. Jordan. Reynolds

Concurrent Resolutions:

Jordan. Reynolds. Edelstein.

Salaries, Taxes and Assessments:

Reynolds. Edelstein. Jordan.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies:

Edelstein. Jordan. Reynolds.

MINUTES.

The members of the Board of Finance and Taxation met in the City Hall Monday, April 13th, 1885, at 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing.

There were present Messrs. Datz, Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

The meeting was called to order by the clerk and on motion of Mr, Hardenbergh, Mr. Edelstein was elected to act as President, pro tempore.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the rules were suspended and Mr. Datz was elected President for the ensuing year by a viva voce vote.

The President elect took the chair.

Mr. Edelstein moved that George F. McAneny be elected Clerk of this Board for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jordan moved as an amendment that he be elected temporary clerk.

The amendment having been put it was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, April 17th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk, pro tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, April 17th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of W. B. Williams, assignee of M. Armstrong, enclosing a copy of an assignee sale of property now occupied as a police station.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from L. H. Broome requesting the appointment as Assessor of the Sixth Aldermanic District.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Catherine M. Hoagland for cancellation of poll tax.

Petition of Henry J. Stetler to have an assessment cancelled.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Simeon S. Demming, M. T. Schultz, Martin Stenecke, Abram Van Horne, and John R. Everett.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from T. C. Brown, Henry Thompson, John Lamb and others submitting a list of names from which the assessors of the several districts should be chosen and requesting the retention in office of the present city officers.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Francis S. Emmons protesting against the reappointment of the present assessor of the Sixth District, also requesting the retention in office of the present City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. of $20.25 for rent of instrument and tollage from January 1 to April 1, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from April 4th to 17th, 1885, both days included, to be $47,906.86.

Received and ordered filed.

The Corporation Counsel reported on petition of Sarah Gould for repayment of an assessment, recommending that the Board refuse to grant the prayer of the petitioner.

The communicatihn was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Advertising for about 7,500 gross tons of anthracite coal.

2. Awarding contract to James Kelter for repairing Communipaw avenue, from Jackson to Bergen avenues.

3. Awarding contract to W. H. & F. W. Cane for carpenter work on School House No. 20, at the price named in his proposal, viz.: $13,877.

4. Awarding contract for building abutment at the Morris Canal.

5. Awarding contract for plumbing, &c., in School No. 20

6. Awarding contract for mason work on School house No. 20.

7. Change of grade of Montgomery street between Monmouth and Colgate street, and the grade of Brunswick.

8. Exempting St. Francis Hospital from payment of water taxes.

9. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Assessors be directed to turn over to the Clerk of this Board their map books, and that L. D. Fowler, assessment clerk of the Board of Public Works be appointed to have said books put in order including the addition of the new assessment map.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the petition of Henry B. Laidlaw and wife, heretofore referred to Allan L. McDermott, be transferred and referred to Commissioner Jordan.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized to have thirty copies of the printed manuals of the proceedings of the last year suitably bound, subject to the approval of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and supplies.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved that this Board do now proceed to the election of Assessors for the ensuing year.

For the First District:

Mr. Edelstein nominated Patrick H. O'Neill.

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated James F. Gannon.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows, the Clerk acting as teller:

Patrick H. O'Neill received four votes.

James F. Gannon received one vote.

Patrick H. O'Neil having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected.

For the Second district:

Mr. Edelstein nominated Michael J. O'Rourke.

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated Cornelius J. Cronan.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Michael J. O'Rourke received four votes.

Cornelius J. Cronan received one vote.

Michael J. O'Rourke having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected.

For the Third district:

Mr. Reynolds nominated John C. Robbins.

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated Joseph Warren.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

John C. Robbins received three votes.

Joseph Warren received two votes.

John C. Robbins having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected.

For the Fourth district:

Mr. Edelstein nominated Edward Van Houten.

Mr. Reynolds nominated A. B. Dayton.

Mr, Hardenbergh nominated Asa W. Fry.

A ballot was then had, which resulted as follows:

Edward Van Houten received one vote.

A. B. Dayton receivd three votes.

A. W. Fry received one vote.

A. B. Dayton having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected.

For the Fifth district:

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated David W. Lawrence.

Mr. Edelstein nominated James T. Lillis.

A ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

David W. Lawrence received four votes.

James T. Lillis received one vote.

David W. Lawrence having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected.

For the Sixth District :

Mr. Reynolds nominated Alfred Van Winkle.

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated J. A. Bowker.

A ballot was then had which resulted as follows:

Alfred Van Winkle received three votes.

J. A. Bowker received one vote.

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Alfred Van Winkle having received a majority of the votes cast was duly declared elected.

By Mr. Jordan and carried :

Moved, That George F. McAneny be and he is hereby elected Clerk of this Board by acclamation.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried :

Moved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to the City Treasurer, City Comptroller and City Collector for the faithful performance of their duties during the past year.

The President announced the following Standing Committees for the ensusuing year:

Finance and Claims—Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Concurrent Resolutions—Messrs. Jordan, Reynolds and Edelstein.

Salaries, Taxes and Assessments—Messrs. Reynolds, Edelstein and Jordan.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies—Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

By Mr. Jordan and carried :

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Friday, April 24th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, April 24th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Frank L. Clark, attorney for Mellissa Clark, for adjustment of assessments.

Petition of Frank L. Clark, attorney of J. E. Lusk for adjustment of assessments.

Petition of Thomas Chamberlain to have tax sale cancelled.

Petition of Joseph Beck to have taxes and assessments adjusted.

Petition of John M. Shannon to have taxes adjusted.

Petitions of S. Briody, M. J. Van Tassell, Jane McMannus, Justus Hill, Harriet Pratt and Henry S. Dickinson for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler Publishing Company of $1,819.68 for publishing redemption sale of lands.

Claim of B. F. Corduan of $8 for locks and keys for office of Board of Finance and Taxation

Claim of George W. Cassidy of $8 10 for taking testimony in the case of Lansing Zabriskie vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Claim of Gustav Blau, Jr., of $24 for services as architect in measuring grain elevator, P. R. R.

Claim of D. C. Farley of $3.75 for water cooler for City Comptroller's office.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Co. of $12.25 for ice furnished City Hall from March 23d to April 23d, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions for stationery were received from the Assessors, the City Clerk, and the Corporation Attorney, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury April 18th to 24th, both days included, at $117,761.36.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—In the matter of the writ of certiorari heretofore issued at the suit of Edward J. Koch to test the legality of the appointment by your Honorable Board of the *Sunday Tattler* as an official newspaper I have to report that an order has been entered in the Supreme Court which so far modifies the writ that the same does not act as a stay of proceedings upon the part of the defendant. Your honorable body may therefore proceed in matters of official publication, as though the writ had not been issued.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIJAH T. PAXTON,

Corporation Attorney of Jersey City.

Received and ordered filed.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

Official bond of Otto W. Meyer, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with William Atcheson and Jacob Eschwy, as sureties.

Official bond of Patrick Buckley, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Thomas Kelly and Joseph T. Kelly, as sureties.

Official bond of Clayland Tilden, as Police Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John D. Carscallen and Samuel F. Chatterton, as sureties.

Official bond of William Kern, as a member of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Samuel Nagle and Casper Kern, as sureties.

Official bond of John Schweiller, as a member of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $15,000, with Hugh Dugan and James Roach, as sureties.

Official bond of Daniel J. Burke, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Hugh Dugan and Dennis McLaughlin, as sureties.

Official bond of Henry Windecker, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with John Wheelihan and Ephrahim S. Wells, as sureties.

Official bond of Daniel F. Shea, as Fire Commissioner, in the sum of $15,000, with Frederick Payne and Isaac Houston, as sureties.

Official bond of Richard Onslow, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Ernest Crome and Horace H. Farrier, as sureties.

Official bond of John P. Feeney, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Hugh Dugan and Dennis McLaughlin, as sureties.

Official bond of William J. Fullerton, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000 with Terence O'Gorman and James Kiernan, as sureties.

Official bond of Jacob Christman as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Abram Post, Jr., as sureties.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an extra appropriation to pay the Board of City Canvassers.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1885.

2. Awarding contract to John Cutley for rebuilding truck house and police station on Webster avenue.

3. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

A communication from the President of the Board:

JERSEY CITY, April 24, 1885.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—

When elected President of this Board I said that I would, at a later day, express my views upon such public questions as are within the scope and jurisdiction of the Board.

We start upon our duties under very favorable auspices The public credit is upon a good footing, valuations throughout the city are being increased by the erection of many new buildings and there is every indication that the year will be one of prosperity.

The collections of taxes are very satifactory. Parties who have been in arrears for three or four years are paying up and becoming taxpayers once more. I attribute this to the better feeling which has sprung up, and the in-

crease of confidence in the financial future of Jersey City. It devolves upon us to maintain this confidence and so assist the city forward to the time when all causes for alarm or uneasiness will be removed and the city will take its proper position in the financial world.

Upon this will largely depend the ability of the Board to make the necessary arrangements for the funding of the $400,000 seven per cent. bonds which will fall due in June, 1886.

An important feature of the work of the Board last year was the large increase of values on the water front. The action of the Board has been certioraried, and the matter is now in the courts. Believing that this Board acting as Commissioners of Appeals, have full power to increase valuations when, in their judgment, they are fixed too low for the purposes of taxation, I would advise that the Assessors be directed to change the assessment of last year wherever increased by the Commissioners of Appeal.

During the sitting of the Board last year as Commissioners of Appeals several hundred cases were considered, and in a large proportion of them the reductions asked for by the petitioners were allowed after the Board had given careful investigation to the subjects. One of the inferences (and the principal one) to be drawn from this is that in making assessments the assessors have been guided by false data; and have failed to give proper personal consideration to the matter of reaching a just and equitable basis.

On the other hand, a casual examination of the assessment books will show that in a great number of cases property has been valued as low as fifty per cent. of what the law requires, "a full value." It is in the province of the Board of Appeals to correct this injustice to those who pay tax on a full valuation, if the cases are brought to their notice, but as this can be accomplished mainly by the complaint of neighbors it is seldom done.

All this can be remedied if the assessors will, under the directions of this Board, familiarize themselves with local values by examination of transfers and sales and by means of the various other channels of information open to them.

While on the subject of assessments, a subject which touches closely the vital interests of all taxpayers, it may not be inappropriate to suggest that some plan be devised and carried out, having for its object a satisfactory adjustment of values, and I would advise that this Board appoint a committee of experts, whose duty it shall be to examine the assessment books of the several districts, note such errors or inequalities as may be discovered, and report to this Board in detail before the assessments are confirmed, to the end that such errors or inequalities may be corrected and thus avoid controversies or litigation. The Committee on Revision of Taxes and Assessments appointed last year by this Board and his Honor the Mayor, accomplished no practical good as but one district was reported upon, and the tenor of this report was to have the assessments of the property owned by one of the members of the Committee reduced.

The work of revision should be carried out, and I therefore suggest this committee of experts.

The plan of compromising assessments, while it has been the means of turning into the City Treasury a large amount of money, has also caused a loss, which might be calculated as an excess, in amount, of the benefit derived.

I find that in nearly all cases application for compromise is deferred until the interested parties are driven to such a course by a desire to make a transfer of property, when all such liens must be settled. In these cases the loss of interest has been very large, a loss which would not have been necessary had it not been for this system of compromise.

Under the circumstances I think it would be wise to peremtorily fix a day in the near future as a limit to the time for considering such petitions for compromise.

Under the provisions and operations of the law for the taxation of railroad and canal property, Jersey City's proportion is $215,539.79, divided as follows:

Pennsylvania R. R. System	$56,499.27
N. Y., L. E. & W. R. R. System	42,340.14
Phila. & Reading	49,606.84
D. L. & W	50,301.41
Others not classified	16,790.13

Of the above the first two named have accepted the law, and have paid into the State Treasury the amounts of their taxes, and the money will be received by Jersey City in quarterly installments. The other corporations are contesting the assessment, and some delay must ensue before the city can enjoy the full benefit of the law. I would advise that the assessors be instructed to continue assessing the property of such corporations as are disputing the law in the same manner as heretofore, but in the cases of those having accepted the law, the assessors should recognize the operations of the State act.

In the latter part of March your Board ordered the making of a bond of $1,000, which was turned into the State Treasury in payment of certain lands in the South Cove ceded to the city, and the property is now in the possession of the Corporation of Jersey City. The question naturally arises, "What shall we do with it?" As an easy solution, I would suggest that after giving proper public notice of its intention, the city lease it to the highest bidder for a term of years.

The city's experience in making water front improvements has not been satisfactory.

The interests on the bonds issued for the construction of the Morgan street dock amounts to $8,750, annually. Last year the expenses of the dock were $1,856.02, a total outlay of $10,606.02, and the total receipts amounted to but $5,213.69. It will be seen that, as an investment, the Morgan street dock is a failure.

The dock might be made much more available than at present, by having it dredged, but the expense would be very large, much larger than it would be advisable for the city to expend.

If this property also could be leased to responsible parties, with a reservation that the city should use it when necessary, I would advise such a course.

The action of the Board in refusing to sanction street improvement unless a sufficiently large proportion of owners pledge themselves to pay the assessments within a year, has had the effect of stopping large and useless expenditure. I trust that you will adhere strictly to this resolution.

A very large proportion of the bonded debt of the city is the accumulation of expenditures for street improvements paid for by the city, but which have not been liquidated by the property owners in interest, and I feel that while the Board should be ready at all times to sanction needed improvements, when assurances of prompt payment are given, we should be equally averse to any movement which may tend to allow any farther increase of the debt by this means.

I am inclined to the opinion that the failure of the act for the establishment of a Free Public Library, at this time, is a public blessing.

While the city is struggling to relieve itself of its onerous burdens, such schemes are Quixotic and should not meet with popular approval.

It is indisputable that public improvements of that nature tend to the general good, but they should be held in abeyance until the financial condition of the city is improved, when they would be better appreciated. Under the provisions of the act the sum of about $23,000 a year was to be raised a sum which applied to the pressing necessities of the city would be of far greater benefit.

If this city can afford to make such an addition to the tax levy, it should be for the purpose of providing increased school facilities, the primary department in nearly all the schools being so overcrowded as to endanger the health and lives of the children.

The city is now indulging in the experiment of having the streets and sewers cleaned by contract The contractor has not, up to the present time, given public satisfaction, and as the hot season approaches, the fear of cholera increases the public anxiety.

This Board should use every means in its power to hold the contractor to a faithful performance of his work, according to the letter of the contract. The Board has resolved that the warrants for the payments under the contract shall not be delivered until the Board, through its committee, is satisfied that the work has been performed Let this be strictly enforced, as such a stand on our part may be the means of averting an epidemic during the coming summer.

In conclusion I would call attention to another matter of considerable importance.

The Legislature has given to this Board entire supervision over the water department of this city, a department which should be self-sustaining, but which owing to the neglect of property owners to pay water rents, is always hampered by accumulated arrears.

The course pursued by the last Board in directing that the option be given to owners to either pay the rents or have the water shut off had a salutary effect, and a large amount was recovered. The Board should continue to exercise a careful supervision over this matter and adopt such stringent measures as will compel payments. Water rates are included in the rents paid by tenants and go into the pockets of owners who neglect or refuse to pay the claims of the city. It is the duty of citizens to contribute to the support of the city by prompt payments of taxes, assessments and water rents, and when they fail to do so, the power of the law should be used to enforce the city's rights. EMIL E. DATZ.

On motion the communication was ordered spread at large on the minutes and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board re-assembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1.58 from the account of Printing and Stationery to the account of Public Buildings and Grounds Board of Public Works fiscal year 1883-84.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $83 33 from the account of Public Buildings and Grounds month of June, 1885, to the same account month of April, 1885, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1885, for the purpose of paying claims.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $4.60 from the account of engineering Bureau to the account of Public Building and Grounds, Board of Public Works, fiscal year, 1883 and 1884.

The same committee reported on claim of M. T. Newbold for taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of M. T. Newbold, attorney for the sum of $25 73-100, being amount of taxed costs on certiorari in the case of The People's Gaslight Company vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and further

Resolved, That the said M. T. Newbold file with the City Clerk a satisfaction of the judgment before the delivery of the warrant.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, reporting favorably on the following resolutions:

1. Exempting St. Francis' Hospital from the payment of water rents.

2. Advertising for about 7,500 gross tons of anthracite coal.

3. Improvement of Danforth avenue, from Central Railroad depot to Bergen avenue.

4. Awarding contract to Michael Mullery for building abutment across Morris Canal at Avenue E.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Henry S. Dickinson, Harriett Pratt, Justus Hill, Jane McManus, M. J. Van Tassell, S. Briody, Simeon S. Denning, John R. Everett, John A. McGrath, C. J. Cronin, James A. Alexander, David S. Paige, M. T. Schults, Joseph N. Scott, Martin Stenecke and Helen A. Bellamey for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted

The same committee reported on petition of Henry B. and Elizabeth C. Laidlaw, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from Henry B. Laidlaw and Elizabeth C. Laidlaw, his wife, or their representative, the following sums in full for the following assessments against the following property, to wit:

Block 632, lot 1, Commissioners lot 7, Carterel avenue sewer from Ocean avenue to Bergen avenue Plank road confirmed February 27, 1874.....	$200 00
Block 632, lot 1 Commissioners lot 663, main sewer, 1st Drainage District, confirmed February 28, 1874.....	126 50
Block 652, lot 1, Commissieners lot 27, sewer in Vreeland street, and part of Berkley street, confirmed May 22, 1878.....	240 00
Block 669, lot 8, Commissioners No. 9, Carterel sewer from Ocean avenue to B. Pk. Plk. road.....	150 00
Block 669, lot 8, Commissioners No. 668 main sewer 1st Drainage District, Bergen Point Plank Road, sewer from Myrtle avenue to N. and N. Y. R. R., confirmed March 6, 1874..	240 00

Block 669, lot 7, Commissioners No. 664, main sewer 1st Drainage District.. 45 82
Block 669, lot 7, Commissioners No. 28, sewer in Vreeland street and part of Berkley street..... 200 00
Block 668, lot 8, Commissioners No. 11, Carterel avenue sewer from Ocean avenue to Bergen Point Plank Road. 240 00
Block 668, lot No. 8, Commissioners No. 657, main sewer 1st Drainage District..... 115 82
Block 668, lot 8, Commissioners No. 21, sewer in Vreeland street and part of Berkley street..... 200 00
Block 668, lot 7, Commissieners No. 12, Carterel avenue sewer from Ocean avenue to Bergen Point Plank Road. 240 00
Block 668, lot 7, Commissioners No. 630, main sewer 1st Drainage District.... 115 82
Block 668, lot 7, Commissioners No. 9, sewer in Vreeland street and part of Berkley street..... 170 00
Block 560, loi 38, Commissioners No. 829 main sewer section "A"..... 50 00
Block 560, lot 39, Commissioners No. 828, main sewer in section "A"..... 50 00
Block 630, lot 12, main sewer 1st Drainage District..... 47 26
Block 630, lot 12, main sewer 1st Drainage District..... 9 03
Block 519, lot 31, Jackson avenue, paving from Communipaw avenue to N. & N Y.R. R..... 110 00
Block 519, lot 33, Jackson avenue, paving from Communipaw avenue to N. & N. Y. R R..... 110 00
Block 517½, lot C, Jackson avenue, paving from Communipaw avenue to N. & N. Y. R.R..... 110 00
Block 517½, lot 9, Jackson avenue paving from Communipaw avenue to N. & N. Y.R.R..... 110 00
Block 517½, lot 11, Jackson avenue, paving from Communipaw avenue to N. & N. Y.R.R..... 110 00
Block 517½, lot 13, Jackson avenue, paving from Communipaw avenue to N & N. Y.R.R..... 110 00
Block 517½, lot 15, Jackson avenue, paving from Communipaw avenue to N. & N. Y.R.R..... 150 00
Block 519, lot 31, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 519, lot 31, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 517½, lot 9, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 517½, lot 11, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 517½, lot 13, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 517½, lot 15, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 517½, lot 7, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 146 31
Block 560, lot 40, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 284 26
Block 560, lot 41, main sewer, section A, 2d drainage district..... 284 26

The above compromise being made on recommendation of L. D. Fowler, Esq., Assessment Clerk of the Board of Public Works. Provided, however, that all other taxes and assessments on all the above described property are paid in full with interest and costs in full, and said payments are made within fifteen days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$12.25 to the Chelsea Ice Co., for ice furnished City Hall from March 23d to April 23d, 1885; $3.75 to D. C. Farley for water cooler for Comptroller's office; $24 to Gustav Blau, Jr., for one day's services as architect; $8.10 to George W. Cassidy for taking testimony; $8 to B. F. Corduan for four new locks for desks in office of the Board of Finance and Taxation; $20 25 to N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. for rent of instrument and tollage from January 1st to April 1st, 1885; $72.93 to the United Gas Co. for gas furnished City Hall from January 1st to March 30th, 1885; $180.95 to Albert Datz for stationery for offices in City Hall; $23 to Allan L. McDermott for disbursements; $52.25 to P. Becker, Son & Co. for desks for office; $77 to the Argus for advertising sale of water scrip and printing manuals, pages 141 to 154; $10.68 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service, month of March, 1885; $1,819.68 to The Sunday Tattler Publishing Co. for publishing redemption sale of lands.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of May, 1885, interest account:

On General account	$31,080
On General account, to pay interest on Assessment bonds	30,000
On Assessment account	30,000
On Assessment account	24.735
On Water account	31,395

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to cancel of record the sale made March 13th, 1872, to the City Treasurer for water rents of 1869, of parts of lots 7 and 8 West Hamilton place and Pavonia avenue in block 321, assessed to Henry Hanks for the reason that the said water rents were erroneously assessed and that the sum of $6.79 be paid to Thomas Chamberlain to refund amount paid by him August 22, 1884, in redemption of part 7 and 8 Pavonia avenue, block 321, from sale made March 13th, 1873, for water rents erroneously assessed for 1869.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payments of salaries for the month of April, 1885, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
S. D. Dickinson	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00

William H. Tuttle	70 00
James E. Connolly, 8 days	18 67
Harry F. Halsey, 22 days	51 33
Charles S. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal taxes	75 00
William H. Jones, marshal 2d district court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
P. H. O'Neil, 1st district	45 83
M. J. O'Rourke, 2d district	45 83
John C. Robbins, 3d district	45 83
A. B. Dayton, 4th District	45 83
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	45 83
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	45 83
Printing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00
Assessors—	
James F. Gannon, 1st District, 19 days.	79 17
Dennis McLaughlin, 2d District, 19 days	79 17
Hugh Dugan, 3d District, 19 days	79 27
Stephen P. Yoe, 4th District, 19 days	79 17
James T. Lillis, 5th District, 19 days	79 17
James C. Clarke, 6th District, 19 days.	79 17

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan and carried :

Moved. That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Friday, May 1st, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday, May 1st, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of James Fleming, Attorney, Isaac I. Vanderbeek, John M. Shannon, A. J. C. Foye, J. V. H. Van Reypen, M. S. Allison, Wm. H. Speer for compromise of assessments.

Petition of John M. Shannon to be allowed to pay taxes without interest.

Petition of John M. Shannon for an adjustment of an assessment.

Petition of Isaac I. Vanderbeek for cancellation of sales for water rents.

Petition of Wm. M. Force for the correction of an assessment.

Petition of the Jersey City Insurance Co. for the cancellation of taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the foreman of the New Jersey *Ledger* requesting a share of the public printing.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationary and Supplies.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $19.60 for advertising.

Claim of John W. Harrison of $32.35 for stationery.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Communication from Charles N. O'Neill, Marmaduke Tilden and others, requesting the Board to appropriate a sufficient sum to renovate Hamilton Park.

Received and laid on the table.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Official bond of Humphry W. Carr, as member of the Board of Public Works in the sum of $15,000 with Garret D. Van Reypen and Richard C. Washburne as sureties.

Official bond of Frederick J. Merscheimer as constable in the sum of $1,000, with George Gunkle and Charles C. Kramer as sureties.

Official bond of John Jelly as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Charles Turner and Frederick Payne as sureties.

Official bond of Henry T. Crawford as constable in the sum of $1,000 with George E. Cutter and George C. Doyle as sureties.

Official bond of Peter H. Daley as constable in the sum of $1,000 with James Hunt and David Harper as sureties.

Official bond of William M. Coleman as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Jacob Newkirk and Peter Von Thaden as sureties.

Official bond of Godfrey G. Dillaway as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Henry Mahnken and Adolph Luck as sureties.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal taxes reports that he had collected to May 1, 1885, the sum of $543.52.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury, April 25, to May 1, 1885, both days included, at $92,303.27.

Both of the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Council:

Jersey City, May 1, 1885.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—The City Charter (section 10) fixes the compensation of members of the Board of City Canvassers at two dollars for the entire service. Your Board should therefore decline to make provision for a payment to the City Canvassers in excess of that amount as requested by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM BRINKERHOFF,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bonds of Daniel J. Burke, Daniel F. Shea and Henry Windecker as Fire Commissioners; Otto W. Meyer, Clayland Tilden and Patrick Buckley as Police Commissioners; Humphrey W. Carr, William Kern and John Schweiler as members of the Board of Public Works; John P. Feeney, Jacob Christman, William Fullerton, Richard Onslow, Frederick J. Merscheimer, John Jelly, Henry F. Crawford, Peter H. Daly, William M. Coleman and Godfrey G. Dillaway as Constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Isaac I. Vanderbeek, James Flemming, Attorney, John M. Shannon, A. J. C. Foye, J. G. H. Van Reypen M. S. Allison and William H. Speer for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of John M. Shannon:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from John M. Shannon or his representative the sum of $145.59, in full payment of an assessment for the improvement of Concord street, from the centre of Fleet street to Hopkins avenue, on lot 11, block 553. Provided, however, that said payment is made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution; and further

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby requested to receive the face of the assessment as reduced without interest.

On petition of John M. Shannon:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from John M. Shannon or his representative the following amounts in full payment of taxes for the years 1878, 1879 and 1880, to wit, on lot 55, block 551.

Sale made August 28, 1882, for unpaid taxes of 1878, $47.20.

Sale made August 27, 1883, for unpaid taxes of 1879, $56.

Sale made August 25, 1884, for unpaid taxes, 1880, $45.70.

For the reason that the above described property has been assessed as having a frontage of 25 feet, whereas by actual measurement it is only 15 feet, and further

Resolved, That the City Clerk be notified.

On petition of Isaac I. Vanderbeek:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the sale made to the City Treasurer March 13, 1872, for water rents for 1866, on No. 18 Cole street, block No. 324.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Farrier, County Collector, for the sum of ten thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted April 24th, 1885, instructing the City Comptroller to transfer the sum of $1,200 from the account of reconstruction for the current year for the purpose of building a sewer in the drain running between the old Bergen road and Ocean avenue in Greenville, be and is hereby rescinded and declared null et void, the Board of Public Works having heretofore rescinded the same.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That so much of the salary resolution adopted April 24th, 1885, as directed the payment of the salaries of the Assessors for the month of April, 1885, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and that the matter of the payment of said salaries be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to visit Trenton and ascertain from the State Treasurer or Comptroller what monies, it any, have been paid into the State Treasury for the benefit of Jersey City, and what receipts may be reasonably expected before June 1st, 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, By reason of the passage by the Legislature of an act providing for the appointment by the Mayor of a Commission to adjust taxes past due; and

Whereas, Doubts exist as to whether such act shall become a law, and for the further reason that payment of taxes past due has been delayed in the expectation that said act would become a law; therefore be it

Resolved, That the resolutions passed by this Board limiting the time for payment of such past due taxes to May 1st, 1885, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and the date for such limit be extended to June 1st, 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, Great inconvenience has arisen from the fact that no separate apartments have hitherto been assigned by the Board of Finance for use by the Assessors of the city; and

Whereas, It is but proper that the taxpayers should have access to the books of said Assessors whereby they may become acquainted with valuations as made or to be made; and

Whereas, By such means many errors may be corrected, thereby avoiding many applications for relief as made before the Commissioners of Appeal; therefore

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies be requested to report to this Board for its adoption at their next meeting a suitable room or rooms for use by the Assessors and the compensation to be paid for the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the term of office of William Brinkerhoff, as Corporation Counsel for Jersey City, shall and does by virtue of this resolution now cease.

Mr. Hardenbergh moved that this Board proceed to elect by ballot.

The ayes and nays having been called the motion was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Edelstein.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That John A. Blair be and he is hereby appointed to the office of Corporation Counsel for Jersey City in place of William Brinkerhoff.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the term of office of the present City Comptroller, John T. Kelly, expire on the 15th day of May, 1885.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Samuel D. Dickinson be and he is hereby appointed City Comptroller of Jersey City at a salary at the rate of $2,400 per annum and that his bonds be fixed at $50,000, the said Samuel D. Dickinson to give his written consent to perform the duties of said office for the said compensation, and further,

Resolved, That the term of office of the said Samuel D. Dickinson commence at the expiration of the term of office of the present City Comptroller May 15, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the term of office of Elijah T. Paxton as Corporation Attorney for Jersey City shall and does by virtue of this resolution now cease.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Roderick B. Seymour be and he is hereby appointed to the office of Corporation Attorney for Jersey City in place of Elijah T. Paxton.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan and carried: Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, May 7th, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 7, 1885, at 8.20 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Philip Geisel, Robert Mitchell, A. J. C. Foye, estate of C. Van Vorst and Wm. D. Edwards.

Petition of Patrick McGuire for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Sunday Tattler of $37.60 for advertising.

Claim of The United Gas Improvement Co. of $21.09 for gas consumed in City Hall from March 30th to April 30th, 1885.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Hon. A. L. McDermott requesting payment of a judgment in the case of Michael Shannon vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Collector nominated for clerks in his office: Wm. H. Tuttle, in the place of Samuel D. Dickenson, Wm. Ely in place of Wm. H. Tuttle, John Wandle in place of Charles Freeman, and P. F. Buckalew as messenger in place of Patrick H. O'Neill.

Received and nominations confirmed.

Official bond of Samuel D. Dickinson, Comptroller, in the sum of $50,000 with Patrick H. Nugent, Joseph Warren and Patrick Hayden as sureties.

Official bond of Washington Lyons as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Mary J. Lyons and Michael L. Desmond as sureties.

Official bond of Joseph Locke as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Patrick Costello and John McCarthy as sureties.

Official bond of Frank Meyer as constable in the sum of $1,000 with Henry Windecker and Michael D. Vreeland as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Itimized requisition from the City Clerk for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel in the matter of the Assessors salaries.

Received and ordered filed.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally on the official bonds of Samuel D. Dickinson as City Comptroller and Washington Lyons as Constable, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Resolution awarding contract to W. H. & F. W. Cane for all the carpenter work on school house No. 20 at the price named, viz: $13,877.

2. Resolution awarding contract to Myles Tierney for all the mason work in school house No. 20 at the price named, viz: $13,400.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of William D. Edwards, estate of C. Van Vorst, A. J. C. Foye and Robert Mitchell, for compromise of assessments recommending that the same be granted.

On petition of William E. Peason:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the sales made March 13, 1872, for taxes of 1869 and 1870, and the sales made September 26, 1873, for taxes of 1871 on lots numbered 35 and 37, or 20 and 21 Gardner avenue, in block numbered 141 or 286, city map, for the reason that the declarations of sale issued by the city to William E. Peason have been destroyed by fire and, therefore, cannot be surrendered to the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims for payment:

$37.60 to the Sunday Tattler Publishing Company for advertising.

$241.35 to J. B. Cleveland for searches, &c., &c.

Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of providing a suitable room for the use of the assessors, would respectfully report that, after due consideration, they decided that it would be to the best interest of the city and the taxpayers to have said room in the City Hall. Your committee consulted with Judge Randolph, of the First District Court, who generously agreed to relinquish his occupancy of the room at the rear of his court room, and we would respectfully recommend:

First—That the committee be authorized to fit up said room for the use of the assessors at a cost not to exceed $200.

Second—That the members of the Board of Assessors be required to be in attendance in said office (as they may be directed by the Committee on Finance and Claims), between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m., for the purpose of receiving complaints and furnishing such information as may be desired by tax-

payers, and that that the assent of the Board of Aldermen for the use of said room be asked for.

JOHN EDELSTEIN,
T. D. JORDAN,
W. D. REYNOLDS,
Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 13th, 1885, awarding to Kelly, Jones & Company the contract for plumbing, gas fitting, &c., in school house No. 20, and which resolution was referred to this Board for concurrence be referred to the Board of Education for investigation and approval.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the time for receiving assessments for the Ravine Road Sewer without interest be extended to June 1st, 1885, under the same restrictions as heretofore adopted.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet May 14, 1885, at 8 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, May 14th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John McInness for return of money paid twice on assessments.

Petition of Emelia Hespe for the return of money paid twice on taxes of 1884.

Petition of Henry C. Wood to have tax bill corrected.

Petitions of the Estate of Wm. B. Ogden, Rosanna Suber, D. McCarthy, George P. Howell, Mrs. M. J. Buckley, Patrick Killeen, John Schweiler, Thomas Everett, William Lawaham, William Howeth and S. Briody for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Elijah T. Paxton of $151.90 for disbursements from December 4th, 1884, to May 1st, 1885.

Claim of Albert Datz of $154.50 for stationery furnished City Collector.

Claim of Jacob Ringle of $11 for repairing stoves in Treasurer's office.

Claim of L. D. Fowler of $264.50 for map furnished the Assessors.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the Corporation Counsel for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from S. D. Dickinson, accepting the office of City Comptroller, and agreeing to perform the duties of said office for $2,400 per annum. Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of John H. Masker as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with Cornelius J. Cronin and James Campbell as sureties.

Official bond of Thomas Coogan, with John Hogan and Michael Rochford as sureties.

Both the above bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding damages for the opening of Pavonia avenue.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion, the Board took a recess for ten minutes. On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally to the official bonds of John H. Masker, Thomas Coogan, Joseph Locke and Frank Meyer as Constables, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on Concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the pay resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 24th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1885, amounting to $570.01, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 24th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1885, amounting to $828.33, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Rosanna Suber, D. McCarthy, George P. Howell, Mrs. M. J. Buckley, Patrick Killeen, John Schweiler, Thomas Everett, William Lawaham, William Howeth and S. Briody for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

On petition of F. Schack:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of F. Schack for the sum of $15, being amount paid twice on block 928, lot No. ½ 24, for taxes of 1884, and that the City Collector be notified.

On petition of John McInness:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John McInness for the sum of $15, being amount paid twice on lot No. 3, block 758, on the assessment for the Ravine Road sewer continuation and that the City Collector be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Assessors be requested to meet the members of this Board at 7 o'clock on the evening of their next regular meeting, on Thursday, May 21st, and that his Honor the Mayor be requested to be present at said meeting, to the end that harmonious action may be had for the benefit of the taxpayers.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board do extend invitations in accordance with the above resolution,

By Mr. Jordan:

Whereas, William Brinkerhoff ceased to be Corporation Counsel of Jersey City by virtue of a resolution of this Board passed at a meeting held on the 1st day of May, 1885,

And whereas, John A. Blair was appointed at said meeting Corporation Counsel of Jersey City, as the successor of said William Brinkerhoff; therefore,

Resolved, That William Brinkerhoff, late Corporation Counsel, be and he is hereby directed by this Board to forthwith turn over and deliver to said John A. Blair all papers books and documents relating to the office of Corporation Counsel of Jersey City.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That Elijah T. Paxton ceased to be Corporation Attorney of Jersey City by virtue of a resolution of this Board passed May 1st, 1885, and Roderick B. Seymour was appointed in his stead; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Elijah T. Paxton be and he is hereby directed forthwith to turn over to the said Roderick B. Seymour all papers, books, documents and other matters pertaining to the office of Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, and the said Elijah T. Paxton is hereby directed to substitute the said Roderick B. Seymour as Attorney of Record for Jersey City in all cases now pending in the courts to which said city is a party.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of the Assessor's salaries for the month of April, 1835, as follows:

James F. Gannon, assessor 1st district, 13 days	$54 17
Dennis McLaughlin, assessor, 2d district, 13 days	54 17
Hugh Dugan, assessor, 3d district. 13 days	54 17
Stephen P. Yoe, assessor, 4th district, 13 days	54 17
James T. Lillis, assessor, 5th district. 13 days	54 17
James C. Clarke, assessor, 6th district, 13 days	54 17
Patrick H. O'Neill, assessor, 1st district, 17 days	70 83
M. J. O'Rourke, assessor, 2d district, 17 days	70 83
John C. Robbins, assessor, 3d district, 17 days	70 83
A. B. Dayton, assessor, 4th district, 17 days	70 83
David W. Lawrence, assessor, 5th district, 17 days	70 83
Alfred Van Winkle, assessor, 6th district, 17 days	70 83

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Patrick H. O'Neill for the sum of $38, being in full for nineteen days services as messenger in the City Collector's office during the month of April, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the Corporation Counsel be invited to attend the meetings of this Board as often as convenient for him to do so.

By Mr. Jordan and carried.

Moved, That this Board do now adjourn to meet Thursday, May 21st, 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 21, 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Abram Van Horn, attorney for the Hudson County National Bank requesting a reduction of taxes.

Petition of W. B. C. Carpenter requesting a reduction on an assessment.

Petition of John B. Coles requesting the return of money paid on redemption of certain property from sale for water rents for the year 1867.

Petitions of Luke Clark, Joseph N. Scott, Delia Coughlan and Mrs. B. Conklin for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Citizens' Association of Jersey City requesting the continuation of the Committee to revise the Assessor's books.

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Luther S. Elmer of $9.70 for taking testimony, &c.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $17 for for printing Assessors' notices.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $270.40 for stationery furnished Assessors.

Claim of the Jordan stationery Co. of $129.45 for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Treasurer, City Comptroller, and City Marshall, all of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Official bond of John E. Scott as City Clerk in the sum of $25,000, with William Clark and Peter Bentley as sureties.

Official bond of John E. Hewitt as Overseer of the Poor, in the sum of $5,000, with George Broughton and James Hunt as sureties.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance and claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, May 15th to 21st, 1885, both days included, at $37,634.58.

The City Collector reported that he had received for collection the following assesment maps:

Sewer in Jefferson avenue, from 75 feet west of Palisade avenue to Oakland avenue, amounting to $4,072 59.

Sewer in Glenwood avenue, from 75 feet west of Bergen, to a point 1,070 feet west, amounting to $3,395.60.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of April, 1885, amounting to $2,601.92,

2. Cancelling water rents on St. Mary's Orphan Asylum on Jersey avenue.

On motion, the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bonds of John E. Scott as City Clerk, and John E. Hewitt as Overseer of the Poor, recommending that they be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the the Board of Public Words recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works May 11th, 1885, awarding damages to C. C. Van Reypen for the opening of Pavonia avenue, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works March 23d, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $5.25 be paid to Northrup & Co., $9.25 to C. A. Valentine, $136.06 and $97.50 to Charles H. Scott, $175 to E. W. Keeney, $46.13 to James McCormack, $74.95 to N. J. Car Spring Rubber Co., $42.75 to Wm. Rappe, $12 to B. F. Carduan, $58.25 to R. H. McFarland, $28 to Albert Datz, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 24th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $129.60 be paid to Dennis Byrnes; $11.25 to Michael Mullery; $140.14 and $198.48 to C. A. Woolsey; $136.24 to Davenport, Treacy & Co.,; $347.17 to Fox & Drummoud; $40 to Thomas Trotter; $125 to John A. Vill; $17.80 to T. F. Noonan; $18.30 to Wm. D. Connell; $82.50. $18.35 and $15 to N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co.,; $144 to Hector McMullen; $15 to C. F. Miller; $2 to P. J. McKelvie; $153 to H. Semmile; $23.20 and $35.20 to Albert Datz; $37.20 to R. H. McFarland; $56 to George F. Higgins: $37.25 to John Sherry, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 13th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $7.80, and $7.80 be paid to the Argus; $2.50 to J. C. Herald; $10.40 and $6 50 to the Argus; $9.10 and $5.20 to the Evening Journal Association; $3.50 and $2.50 to J. C. Herald; $5 to Post & Bruce; $80 to George F. Higgins; $498 to James Conroy, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, April 6th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That $1.20 be paid to the Sunday Tattler Publishing Co.; $435 and $60 to Fidelity & Casualty Co.; $8.85 to J. W. Harrison; $242.82 and $287.60 to C. A. Woolsey; $81.60 to E. Keeney; $114 to James McLaughlin; $2.10 and $1.80 to Sunday Tattler Publishing Co.; $213.20 and $15 to Davenport, Treacy Co.; $314.15 to Fox & Drummond: $19 to J. P. Keleher: $24 to Robert Donshea;$12 to Albert Datz; $5 to Post & Bruce for telephone trumpet; $5.92 to Wood & Menagh; $9.10 to the Argus; $1.80, $2.40 and $2 to Sunday Tattler Publishing Co.; $53.07 to Henry Stuhr, and $8 to Edward Cosgrove, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works to wit:

Resolved, That $49 be paid to Thomas Cain; $56 to Thomas Trotter; $120 to Thomais Cain; $155.25 to Matthew Ahearn, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Joseph N. Scott, Mrs. M. B. Conklin, Delia Coughlan and Luke Clark for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on the following claims recommending that they be paid:

$9.70 to L. S. Elmer for taking testimony.

$154.50 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished City Collector's office.

$17 to Jersey City Herald for printing Assessor's notices.

$11 to Jacob Ringle & Son for repairing stoves in Treasurer's office.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of June, 1885, interest:

On general account	$13,500.00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	22,000.00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	20,000.00
On water account	8,680.00

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved that when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, May 28th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, May 28th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from the estate of D. S. Manners, Stephen Morgan, M. J. Clark, Thomas Hopper, Mary Glock, Estate of W. B. Ogden and the Hudson City Savings Bank.

Petition of Lavina T. Mason to have taxes adjusted.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $26.25 for coal delivered at city hall.

Claim of David D. Zabriskie, attorney for Annie M. Laverty of $719.47, to pay judgment recovered against the city.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, May 22nd to 28th, 1885, both days included, at $29,291.05.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported that he had collected to May 28, 1885, the sum of $1,391.95.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1 Fixing the salaries of the employes.

2. Building a main sewer in Greenville.

3. Ordering paid claim of Samuel B. Dougherty for services as mechanical engineer for the month of April, 1885.

4. Sewer in Griffith street, from 435 feet west of Summit avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Summit avenue.

5. Improvement of Beacon avenue, from Central to Oakland avenue.

6. Awarding damages for the widening of Garfield avenue, from Gates to Linden avenues.

7. Four pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rate and Assessments for the month of May, 1885.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of Michael Shannon, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Allan L. McDermott, attorney for Michael Shannon, for the sum of $1,562.90, being in full payment of a judgment and costs obtained against the city in the Hudson County Circuit Court, wherein the said Michael Shannon was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, defendants, the suit being for balance due on contract for repaving Jersey avenue, from Newark avenue to Eighth street; and be it further

Resolved, That before the delivery of the warrant a satisfaction of said judgment shall be filed with the City Clerk, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works as follows, recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1885 (for reassessing), amounting to $299.70.

2. Ordering paid claims by resolution, adopted March 30, 1885.

3. Ordering paid claims by resolution adopted April 6th, 1885.

4 Ordering paid claims by resolution adopted April 13th, 1885.

5. Ordering paid claims by resolution adopted April 17th, 1885.

6. Ordering paid claims by resolution adopted April 20, 1885.

7. Cancelling the water rents charged to St. Mary's Catholic Orphan Asylum on Jersey avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 6th, 1885, as presented by the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $1,937.11, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called, the resolution was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Moved that the concurrent resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 25th, 1885, fixing the salaries of certain employes be, and the same is hereby nonconcurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called the motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye—President Datz, Messrs, Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved that the vote by which the concurrent resolution fixing the salaries of certain employes of the Board of Public Works was nonconcurred in be reconsidered.

The ayes and nays having been called the motion was carried by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Nays—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of the estate of W. B. Ogden, Stephen Morgan, M. J. Clark, Thomas Hopper, Mary Glock and the Hudson City Savings Bank for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Henry Wood:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the city treasurer in favor of Henry Wood for the sum of $14.90, being amount paid in error on taxes for the year 1884 on lot 10, block 179, Summit avenue, having paid on a valuation of $2,500, whereas, by the certificate

of the city collector the valuation should have been $2,000; and further,

Resolved, That the city collector be notified.

On petition of John B. Coles:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Coles for the sum of $19.17, being amount paid to the City Treasurer for the redemption of lot 4, block 282, sold for water rent for the year 1867, provided, however, that before the delivery of said warrant the said John B. Coles shall file with the City Clerk a bond of indemnity in the sum of one hundred dollars with sureties to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claims recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That $264.50 be paid to L. D. Fowler for mounting maps for the use of Assessors, $21.09 to the United Gas Improvement Co. for gas from March 30th to April 30th, 1885; $129.45 to the Jordan Stationery Company for stationery.

$270 40 to the Jordan Stationery Co., for stationery.

$19.60 to the J. C. Herald for advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the claims of Charles S. Clarke, Jr., and Clarke & Walter, and Clarke & Co., be referred to Mr. Reynolds for investigation.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of seventy five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, By reason of errors in the former city map doubts exists as to the correct lot numbers of certain lots belonging to Isaac I. Vanderbeek, situated on Bright, York, Montgomery and Mercer streets; and

Whereas, By the present city map of 1882, the lots are correctly shown; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized to receive the taxes on said lots and give a receipt for the same by the lot and block numbers as shown on the city map of 1882, so that the said Isaac I. Vanderbeek can pay all taxes on said property as he desires to do.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the name of L. D. Fowler be added to the pay-roll of this Board for the month of May, 1885, and that it be continued during the time of his employment in the service of this Board, at the rate of $1,500 per annum.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payments of salaries for the month of May, 1885, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
John F. Kelly, City Comptroller, (15 days)	100 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller, (15 days)	100 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
William Brinkerhoff, Corporation Counsel, (1 day)	11 11
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel, (29 days)	322 22
Elijah T. Paxton, Corporation Attorney, (1 day)	5 00
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney, (29 [illegible]	145 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collect[illegible]—	
S. D. Dickinson, (15 days)	41 66
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
William H. Tuttle, (15 days at $2.33, and 15 days at $2.77)	76 66
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle, (24 days)	56 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
William Ely, (15 days)	35 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	48 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
P. H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
M. J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Printing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Reynolds, and carried:

Resolved, The concurrent resolution adopted Board of Public Works May 25th, 1885, fixing salaries of employes, be and the same is non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Mr. Hardenbergh moved, as an amendment, that the matter be laid on the table.

The amendment having been put, it was lost. The original resolution was put and carried.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation declare that they will not concur in resolution from the Board of Public Works increasing the salary of any employe during the present year.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That hereafter the salary resolution of this Board before being presented to the Committee shall be signed by the City Treasurer and City Comptroller as to the correctness of the same.

By Mr. Edelstein, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourn, it will adjourn to meet Thursday, June 4th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 4th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed.

On motion of Mr Jordan the concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works in relation to the building of a main sewer in Greenville was taken from the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole arose and made the following report to the Board.

Resolved, That the following concurrent resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, May 25th, 1885, to wit:

Whereas, Reuben Simpson and others being more than fifty owners of land lying within a neighborhood in the Greenville district of Jersey City, bounded on the north by the dividing line of the water shed between Newark and New York Bays from Gates avenue to Cedar avenue; easterly by Cedar avenue from Bergen avenue to Ocean avenue and by Cator avenue from Ocean avenue to the Central Railroad of New Jersey; southerly by Ocean avenue from Cedar avenue to Cator avenue, and by the Central Railroad from Cator avenue to Gates avenue, and westerly by a line parellel to and a hundred feet southerly from Gates avenue from the Central Railroad to the dividing line of the water shed between Newark and New York Bays, have made application for the construction of a main sewer pursuant to chapter 107 of the laws of 1885, and

Whereas, It appears satisfactorily that said neighborhood lacks sewers for the proper drainage and the protection of the health of the inhabitants thereof, and that there are no public streets through which it is possible and advantageous to the city to build a main sewer from such neighborhood to tide waters or any other waters in which the sewerage of Jersey City is emptied; therefore be it

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation and the approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a main sewer be constructed pursuant to the provisions of the said act, upon a line lacated as follows: Beginning at a point in the middle of avenue "E" opposite Clark street, running thence southeasterly to and through lot six, in block No. 1,433, on the official city map, and parallel to the said lines of said lot to the westerly line of the property of the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey; thence diagonally across the line of said company southerly to the easterly line of the same at a point where the same is intersected by the dividing line between lots 4 and 5, in block No. 1,510, in said city map; thence along that line and in continuation thereof to, under and across property of Garret G. Vreeland to a point at ordinary low water mark in New York Bay, said line being in length 1,100 feet, more or less, and that the sewer so to be constructed be a brick circular sewer, having five feet interior diameter· and further

Resolved, That there be taken under the provisions of said act for the purpose of constructing said sewer, a fee simple title to a strip of land fifty feet in width and about 1100 feet long, of which the line above described shall be the centre, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation agree to concur in whatever measures the Board of Public Works may deem necessary for the sewerage of Greenville provided the same shall be done at a cost not to exceed $50,000, and provided further that the same bond be entered into by the owners of property as required by this Board for improvements.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, the Board returned to the regular order of business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from James Earle, Jane Atcheson, D. Schippler, Lyle Reid, Wm. B. Van Vorst and W. Sommerville. Petition of W. Stadmiller to have taxes adjusted.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of P. J. Kelleher of $25.20 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $10 for stationery furnished City Clerk.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $6.75 for stationery furnished office of Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co of $35 50 for stationery furnished Corporation Counsel's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co of $54 50 for stationery furnished City Comptroller's and City Treasurer's offices.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co of $357 for Assessors' books and stationery.

Claim of the Argus of $44 for printing manuals, pages 155 to 160, old Board, and pages 1 to 16, inclusive, new Board.

Claim of A. B. Reynolds of $30.85 for supplies for City Marshal.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $17 48 for gas furnished City Hall from April 30th to June 1st, 1885.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk, received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of the estate of D. S. Manners:

To the Hon. The Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—By act of the Legislature, approved March 8th, 1884, the Board of Finance and Taxation was empowered to make such revision, alteration, adjustment and settlement of past due assessments and all interest and penalties thereon as said Board * * * subject to the approval of the Mayor, might or should deem to be for the best interest of the city, this act, however, does not apply to assessments made subsequent to the first day of January, A. D., 1881. Under this law the Board of Finance and Taxation, with the approval of the Mayor, has power to adjust and settle the assessment named in the petition filed with it by Edwin Manners, representing the estate of D. S. Manners.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Resolution from the Board of Education recommending that the contract for plumbing, gas fitting, &c., &c., in school No. 20 be awarded to Kelly, Jones & Co.

The resolution was received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works ordering paid cetain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding to Michael Fitzpatrick the contract for the construction of a box sewer on Montgomery street from end of broken sewer to a point about 1,000 feet east thereof.

2 Awarding contract to James Kelter for repaving Communipaw avenue from Jackson to Bergen avenue.

3. Construction of a sewer in Griffith street from 450 feet west of Summit avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Summit avenue.

4. Ordering paid claim of Samuel B. Dougherty for services as Mechanical Engineer during the month of April, 1885.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the following petitions for compromise of assessments: Jane Atcheson, D. Schippler, Lyle Reid, Wm. B. Van Vorst and W. Sommerville, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of W. Stadmiller:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed and authorized to correct the records in his office in the following particulars: Change the lot numbers of property assessed in 1875 to Anthony Rodier, as block 5, lots 15 to 18 (Gould and Morrell map of Woodlawn avenue), to lots 16 to 19 inclusive. Change the lot numbers of property assessed in 1878 and 1879 to W. S. Rodier, and in 1880 to Walhey Stadmiller as block 5, lots 16 to 18 inclusive (Gould and Morrell's map Woodlawn avenue), to lots 16 and 19 inclusive; and further

Resolved, That the City Collector correct the tax bills of the above years to conform to the records as corrected by virtue of the foregoing resolution, and that the City Clerk be directed to cancel the sales made against said lot to the City Treasurer for the years 1875, 1878, 1879 and 1880.

On petition of Washington B. Williams:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized and directed to correct the records in his office by changing the assessment on lot 30 or A block 271 (Sixth district) for the years 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884, by assessing the real estate to Washington B. Williams and the personal to Sidney B. Bevans.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$25.20 to P. J. Kelleher for Supplies for City Marshal.

$17.48 to United Gas Improvement Co. for gas used in City Hall, April 30th to June 1st, 1885.

$30,85 to A. B. Reynolds for supplies furnished City Marshal.

$6.75 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

$10 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for office of the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved. That the time for receiving assessments for the Ravine Road sewer without interest be extended to July 1st, 1885, under the same restrictions as heretofore adopted.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for the payment of past due taxes at seven per centum be and is hereby extended to July 1st, 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, It has been represented to this Board that coupons due January 1st, 1884, have been lost or mislaid, namely, of improvement bonds Nos. 1322, 2767, 2769 and 2771, whereas, the American Exchange National Bank the owner of said coupons have filed herewith a good and sufficient bond of indemnity secured also by the individual guarantee of George S. Coe and Dumont Clark; therefore,

Resolved, That the said bonds be ordered filed with the City Clerk, and that a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of American Exchange National Bank, of New York, in the sum of two hundred and ten dollars, subject to the provisions of said bonds of indemnity.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the corporation counsel be requested to furnish an opinion as to the manner in which personal property should be assessed whether in the district where found or at the residence of the owner.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the resolution adopted March 22d, 1885, requiring the certificate of the committee of this Board before payment be made by the Treasurer to George F. Swift, on account of contract for street cleaning, &c., &c., be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the regular meeting nights of this Board be changed from Wednesday to Thursday evenings at 7:30 o'clock, and that the Clerk be requested to notify the several Boards of the City Government of the change.

There being a vacancy in the Committee on Pollution of the Passaic River, the President appointed Thomas D. Jordan to fill such vacancy.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the matter of providing drainage for that section of the city known as Toffeyville, was referred to the President of this Board with power

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 11th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—President Datz and Mr. Edelstein.

In the absence of the President Mr. Hardenbergh was elected to act as President pro tem.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from C. W. Knight protesting against awarding the contract to Messrs Fox & Drummond for furnishing and laying 20-inch water pipe to Harrison township line, he claiming to have been the lowest bidder.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions.

Petitions for compromise of assessments from Patrick McDonough, Luke Clark and Richard Sip.

Petition of Susan Callin for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $177.90 for printing law cases.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $74 40 for advertising assessors' notices. &c., &c.

Claim of B. F. Corduan of $1 for keys for office door.

Claim of Charles Freeman of $35 for fifteen days' services as clerk in City Collector's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the Corporation Attorney for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

Communication from Herbert Stout, requesting the payment of a judgment obtained in the Second District Court against the City.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, June 5th to 11th, 1885, both days included, to be $25,-390.92.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting this Board to have a sufficient number of City Charters printed, together with all laws affecting Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of the amount appropriated to the Committee on Reconstruction for the months of July and August to account of same committee for the month of June, 1885, to pay for work done.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Seven pay rolls.

2. Cancelling water rents on property owned by the Sisters of Charity of St. Michael's Parish.

3. Fixing the salary of Nicholas Woether as machinist at Belleville, at $90 per month.

4. Improvement of Laidlaw avenue, from Oakland to Central avenue.

5. Awarding to Fox & Drummond, contract for laying water pipe to Harrison Township line.

6. Ordering paid claim of Hector McMullen.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 15 minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members were present:

President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on judgment claims of Annie M. Laverty recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of David D. Zabriskee, Attorney, for Annie M. Laverty for the sum of $719 47-100, being in full payment of a certain judgment and costs obtained against the city in the Hudson County Circuit Court for rent of the Second Precint Station House on Grove street. The warrant not to be delivered until a satisfaction of said judgment be filed with the City Clerk, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Ordering paid claim of Hector McMullen of $192 for repaving over street openings made by plumbers.

2. Resolutions ordering paid claim of United Gas Company Hector McMullen and E. W. Kenney.

3. Cancelling water rents on property belonging to Sisters of Charity of St. Michael's parish.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Patrick McDonough, Luke Clark and James Earle for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of the Hudson County National Bank:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to change the valuation of lot 30, block 497, Sixth District for the years 1881-82 from $800 to $400, the above described property having been assessed for said years 1881 and 1882 as having a house thereon, whereas by the certificate of the Assessor it is a vacant lot and should be so assessed at a valuation of $400 for each of said years.

On petition of Lavinia Mason:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to reduce the valuation for the year 1884 on 66 and 65, block 662, No. 129 Kearney avenue from $4,000 to $2,000, the same having been assessed for said year as having two houses.

Whereas, By the certificate of the Assessor attached to the petition, there is but one house and should be so assessed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 18th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Stephen Campbell, the Hudson City Savings Bank, and Stephen Morgan.

Petition of Evan Jones for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Catherine Turner for return of moneys paid to redeem taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from John M. Shannon protesting against awarding the contract to Fox & Drummond for furnishing and laying water pipe to supply the Township of Harrison with water

Communication from the Common Council of the Township of Harrison requesting the speedy concurrence in awarding the contract for furnishing and laying water pipe to furnish the said township with water.

Both the above communications were received and laid on the table.

Communication from Henry S. White, attorney for Michael Fitzpatrick, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city.

Communication from Henry S. White, attorney for Myles Tierney, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city.

Both received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of William J. Cox, agent, of $16.98, for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $8.65 for special messenger service furnished City Collector.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $8.15 for messenger service furnished Board of Finance and Taxation during the month of May, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury June 12th to 18th, both days included, to be $31,421.65.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel in reference to closing the offices under the control of the Board of Finance and Taxation on Saturdays during the summer months at one o'clock.

Received and laid on the table.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

JERSEY CITY, June 18, 1885.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—In reply to your inquiry as to the proper place for the assessment of personal property, my opinion is that where the owner lives in one district of the city and the property lies in another, the property should be assessed in the district where the owner resides. Personal property of non-residents should be assessed in the district where found.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

1. Requesting transfer of $2,000 from the appropriation for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City to the appropriation for the reconstruction of Engine house on Webster avenue.

2. Requesting transfer of $2,000 from the appriation for cleaning streets to the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers for the purpose of making repairs to streets and sewers.

3. Requesting transfer of $818.71, being balance from sale of horses, carts, etc., etc., to the appropriation for the reconstruction of streets and sewers for the purpose of making repairs to streets.

4. Requesting an appropriation of $5,000 for the construction of a cast iron sewer in Second street, from Prior street to a point about sixty feet west of Brunswick street.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Cancelling water rents on property of the Home for Aged Women.

2. Cancelling water rents on property of Christ Hospital.

3. Cancelling water rents on property of St. Aloysius Academy on Grand street.

4. Construction of a main sewer in Greenville.

5. Awarding contract to Willard Richards for furnishing and delivering about 7,500 gross tons of anthracite coal at Belleville and High Service at $3.90 per gross ton.

6. Ordering paid $50 to William E. Greathead for services as secretary to Committee on Pollution.

7. Four resolutions ordering paid miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Herbert Stout requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Herbert Stout for the sum of $33.05, being amount of judgment and costs obtained against the city in the Second District Court, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction piece, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, is filed with the City Clerk.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Work, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $2,000 from the account of cleaning sewers to the appropriation for the construction of an engine house on Webster avenue, Board of Public Works fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Changing the grade of Montgomery street between Monmouth and Colgate streets, and the grade of Brunswick street between York and Mercer streets.

2. Construction of a sewer from the intersection of the centre line of Hooker avenue and avenue E, through avenue E to Linden avenue and through Linden avenue to the centre of old Bergen road.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of April, 1885, amounting to $2,601 92.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of May, 1885, amounting to $2,630.20.

5. Improvement of Garfield avenue from Linden avenue to the west side of Gates avenue.

6. Awarding damages for the widening of Garfield avenue from Linden to Gates avenue.

7. Awarding contract to John Cutley for rebuilding truck house and police station on Webster avenue.

8. Ordering paid claim of William W. Farrier of $210.35, for plumbing work at Belleville and High Service.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received, and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Stephen Morgan, The Hudson City Savings Bank, Stephen Campbell, B. B. Sherman, Melissa Clark, the Estate of Richard Sip, deceased, and Daniel E. Cleary, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted

On petition of Evan Jones:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Evan Jones for the sum of thirty-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents, said amount being a duplicate payment on lots 15 and 16, block 150, No. 118 Pavonia avenue, for water rents for the year 1884, as per certificate of the Water Registrar; and further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

On petition of Henry Stettler:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record the reassessment confirmed March 19th, 1879, for the improvement of Belmont avenue from Bergen avenue to Monticello avenue, against lot 80, Assessors No. 3, block 359, the original assessment for said improvement confirmed January 23, 1873, having been paid February 18, 1873, the assessment being in the name of Henry I. Stettler.

On petition of B. B. Sherman:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the assessment for main sewer in Section "A," Second Drainage District, confirmed February 26th, 1874, as follows: Lot 21, block 561, from $608 17 to $300; lot 29 and lot Assessors No. 853, block 599, from $846.96 to $420; and the City Collector be further authorized to receive the same without interest, provided the same is paid within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the assessment for main sewer, Section A, Second Drainage district, confirmed Feb. 26, 1874, as follows Lot 12, block 562, from $229.85 to $95; lot 11, block 562, from $229.85 to $95; lot 10, block 562, from $229.85 to $100. And the Collector is further authorized and directed to receive the face value of the said amounts as reduced without interest, provided said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

On petition of Catharine, M. Hoagland:

Resolved, That the petition of Mrs. Catharine Hoagland for the return of money paid on poll tax for the years 1883 and 1884 be not granted, for the reason that petitioner should have applied to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation for the years complained of in the petition.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were r eceived and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims for payment, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That $44 be paid to the Argus for printing Manuals pages 155 to 160 old Board and 1 to 16 inclusive new Board; $35.50 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery furnished the Corporation Counsel; $26.25 to Carrol & Sweeney for coal delivered at City Hall; $1 to B F. Corduan for keys for office door.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan:

Whereas, The three pay-rolls adopted by the Board of Public Works as presented by the Committee on Extension and Distribution for laying and repairing water pipe, are excessive in amount and defective in the particulars of not being properly certified, and not stating the nature of the service; and

Whereas, This Board has heretofore declared that the expenditure for that department shall not exced $800 per month; therefore

Resolved, That this Board re-affirms its determination to refuse concurrence in the pay rolls of said Committee unless the expenditure be kept within the limit fixed as aforesaid.

By Mr. Jordan.

Resolved, That this Board will not concur in any pay rolls for the services of persons employed in blowing off hydrants unless such services are performed under the directions of the Chief Engineer and the pay rolls be certified by the same officer.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the several Boards of the city government be requested to send to this Board by July 1st, 1885, their estimates of expenses for the next fiscal year.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That L. D. Fowler, Esq., be authorized to furnish to the City Comptroller a set of assessment maps.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the petition of Edwin Manners, attorney for the estate of David S. Manners, deceased, for compromise of an assessment be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the matter of the Grand street sewer be referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions with power.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, June 25, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members

In the absence of the Clerk, John T. M. Kaylar was elected Clerk pro tem.

The reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromising of assessments were received from R. Harmon, John Garrick, attorney, Garrett Van Horne, Mrs. M. J. McWhinney, John Hilton, administrator for the estate of Holden, William B. Van Vorst and John H. Banta.

Petition of William M. Force to have taxes corrected.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Invitation from the Board of Police Commissioners to attend the annual inspection of the Police Department.

Received, accepted and ordered filed.

Communication from Frank Caulfield requesting the Board to concur in his salary for the months of March, April and May, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions.

Petition of Peter Semler, attorney for Catherine Dodd, for the return of money paid in error on an asssessment.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Thomas Cavanagh requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of S. C. Mount of $64.90 for taxed costs in the suit of Julia D. W. Gould vs. The City.

Claim of George W. Cassedy of $8 for taking testimony in the case of Dodge vs. The City.

Claim of George W. Cassedy of $20 for taking testimony in city cases.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Company of $12.25 for ice delivered at City Hall.

Claim of Davis & Co., of $10.50 for printing law cases.

Claim of Charles B. Becker of $13.25 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasurer from June 19th to 25th, 1885, both days included, to be $51,461.34.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received for collection in his office the assessment map for the improvement of Sherman place, between Central avenue and Sanford place, amounting to $3,044.46.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Police Commissioners in reference to the increased appropriations.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The estimates of appropriation required by the several Boards of the city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1885, and ending November 30th, 1886, were as follows:

Board of Fire Commissioners:	
For salaries	$70,760 00
For general account	19,400 00
For hose	3,000 00
For one new steam fire engine	4,000 00
For one bell tower at engine house No. 7	1,000 00
Total	$98,160 00
Board of Aldermen:	
For relief of out door poor	$15,000 00
For printing, stationery and supplies	3,000 00
For publication of city ordinances in book form	500 00
For rent of armories and supplies	4,500 00
For elections	11,000 00
For care and improvement of public grounds and buildings	$2,500 00
For urinals for parks and sewer connections for same	800 00
For improvement of Hamilton Park	10,000 00
For payment of salaries (city clerk, city marshal and overseer of the poor)	5,000 00
For celebration of the Fourth of July	1,000 00
For observance of Decoration Day,	200 00
For removal of trees dangerous to life and limb	200 00
For district courts	9,250 00
For floating salt water bath	5,000 00
For an assistant to the overseer of the poor	750 00
Total	$68,700 00
Board of Education:	
Teachers salaries	$192,362 34
Salaries of janitors and clerk	17,000 00
Books, stationery and music	8,000 00
Furniture, repairs and gas	15,000 00
Heating and ventilating	5,000 00
Printing and blanks	1,500 00
Annual report	400 00
Rentals	1,500 00
Janitors' supplies	2,000 00
Free library	1,000 00
Census	2,000 00
Evening schools	7,500 00
Fuel	10,000 00
Total	$263,262 34
Board of Public Works:	
For cleaning streets, removing ashes and garbage and cleaning sewers	$50,000 00
Repairing and trimming unpaved streets	10,000 00
Reconstruction of streets and sewers	20,000 00
Public grounds and buildings	1,000 00
Insurance on public buildings	500 00
For salaries	6,000 00
Printing and stationery	1,500 00
Engineering Bureau	12,000 00
Repairs to school buildings and grounds	25,000 00
Total	$146,000 00

Board of Police Commissioners:	
For salaries	$172,823 96
For station houses and prisons	9,000 00
For rent of station houses	1,540 00
For lamps and lights	87,240 00
For hospital and dispensaries	10,775 00
For police justices	5,000 00
Total	$287,378 96

On motion the Board took a recess

The Board re-assembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petitions of Michael Fitzpatrick and Myles Tierney, requesting payments of judgments recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry S. White, attorney for Michael Fitzpatrick, for the sum of $535.72, being amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city in the suit wherein the said Michael Fitzpatrick was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants; provided, however, that before the warrant is delivered the said Henry S. White shall file with the City Clerk a satisfaction of said judgment, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry S. White, attorney for Myles Tierney, for the sum of $556.50, being amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city in the suit wherein the said Myles Tierney was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants; provided, however, that before the warrant is delivered the said Henry S. White shall file with the City Clerk a satisfaction of said judgment, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of June, 1885, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month ending June 30th, 1885, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
William H. Tuttle	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Printing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00
L. D. Fowler, revising Assessment maps, &c., &c	125 00

The same committee reported the salary list for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending June 30th, 1885, when due, viz.:

Emil E. Datz	$125 00
John Edelstein	125 00
A. A. Hardenbergh	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00
William D. Reynolds	125 00

The same committee reported on petitions of John Garrick, attorney; R. Harmon, Garret Van Horne, John Hilton, administrator of the estate of Holden; William B. Van Vorst, John H. Banta, Mrs. M. J. McWhinney and Michael McDonough, all for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Board resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the petition of Edwin Manners, attorney for the estate of D. S. Manners, deceased, for compromise of an assessment.

The following resolution wac offered by Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized to receive from Edwin Manners, attorney for the estate of D. S. Manners, deceased, or his representatives, the face value of the following assessment on lot 6, block 410, lots Nos. 20, 20 and 19, 19 and 18, 18 and 17, 17, 17 to 20, and 17 to 20, block 384. Improvement of Brunswick street, N. K., to R. R. avenue, confirmed 1879, $463.35.

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided further that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

On motion the Board returned to the regular order of business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn

upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of July, 1885, interest account:

On General account	$26,410 00
" " "	20,000 00
" " " to pay interest on assessment bonds	31,180 00
On General account to pay interest on assessment bonds	30,000 00
On Water account	30,000 00
" " "	27,315 00

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of claims, legal expenses and judments to the account of printing, stationery and supplies fiscal year 1883 and '84 Board of Finance and Taxation for the purpose of paying claims.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, The legality of the Board of Education, as at present organized, is questioned, and the matter it now in litigation; therefore,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board communicate with the Corporation Counsel asking for his opinion as to whether this Board can under the existence of the above circumstances allow the appropriation fixed by said Board of Education for the fiscal year 1885 and 86.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the matter of the purchase of a night soil scow be referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Wednesday, July 1st, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

JOHN T. M. KAYLAR,
Clerk pro tem.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Wednesday, July 1st, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

On motion of Mr. Jordan the Board went into a Committee of the Whole to consider a communication from the Common Council of the Township of Harrison, in reference to the laying of water pipe to the Harrison township line.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, Certain communications have been received by this Board touching the regularity of the proceedings of the Board of Public Works in awarding to Fox & Drummond the contract for laying water pipe to Harrison; therefore

Resolved, That the clerk of this Board be directed to return to the Board of Public Works the resolution awarding said contract, and that the Board of Public Works be requested to readvertise for bids for said work.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Moved that when the Board of Public Works return to this Board a new contract for laying water pipe to the Harrison township line, awarding the same to the lowest bidder, it will be immediately concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Nays—Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

The Board returned to the regular order of business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of E. Losel and Mary J. Jewett for compromise of assessments.

Communication from Joseph McAdoo in reference to a petition for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of Jacob Weart, acting executor, for compromise of assessments.

Petition of Henry M. Rogers for adjustment of an assessment.

Petition of F. G. Glock to have an error on taxes corrected.

Petition of Robert Mitchell to have tax sale cancelled.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Frank L. Clark, attorney, in relation to lots sold to the city in 1874 for school purposes.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz, of $16.75 for stationery furnished City Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $213.70 for stationery furnished offices in City Hall.

Claim of Jordan Stationery Company of $74.40 for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk requesting the appointment of a messenger for the month of July, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Itemized requisition was received from the City Collector for stationery and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from June 26th to July 1st, 1885, to be $73,015 90.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion from the Corporation Counsel on petition of Peter Semler for the return of money paid in error on an assessment.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of John F. McGinnis to have an error in payment of an assessment corrected.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel in reference to the right of this Board to make an appropriation for the Board of Education.

All the above opinions were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners in reference to a night-soil scow.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $450 for the purpose of connecting Grand street twin sewer at Mill Creek.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Fixing the salary of F. P. Woodcock at $1,300 per annum.

2. Increasing the salaries of the firemen at Belleville $5 per month each.

3. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to erect a machine shop at Belleville at a cost not to exceed $3,000.

4. Construction of a sewer in Ogden avenue, from the present sewer in Franklyn street to a point 500 feet south of the south side of Franklyn street.

5. Awarding contract to T. J. McDonald for carpenter and plumbing work in public schools.

6. Awarding contract to F. C. Meehan for all mason work in repairing all public schools.

7. The Pay-rolls Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1885.

8. Nine resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claims of George W. Cassidy recommending the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George W. Cassidy for the sum of $28.60 for taking testimony as Supreme Court Commissioner in cases vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The same committee reported on claim of Samuel C. Mount, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Samuel C. Mount for the sum of sixty-four 90-100 dollars, being amount of taxed costs in the case of Julia D. W. Gould vs. The Mayor and Alder-

men of Jersey City in the New Jersey Supreme Court.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the amount appropriated for reconstruction of streets and sewers for the month of August to the credit of the same committee for the month of June, Board of Public Works fiscal year 1884 and '85, for the purpose of paying for work done under contract.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $2.000 from the account of cleaning streets to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers Board of Public Works fiscal year 1884 and 1885, for the purpose of making repairs to streets and sewers.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. Awarding contract to Willard Richards for furnishing and delivering about 7,500 gross tons of anthracite coal at Belleville and High Service Pumping Station at the price named in his proposal, viz., $3 90 per gross ton.

2. Payroll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for month of June, 1885, amounting to $383.34.

3. Payroll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1885, amounting to $1,050.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works "awarding the contract to Fox and Drummond for furnishing, delivering and laying about 12,700 lineal feet of cast-iron pipe with all necessary gates, connections, branches, &c., for conveying water from the Jersey City Water Works at Belleville to the Harrison Township line," recommending that the same be non-concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Catherine Turner, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of S. B. Ransom, Attorney of Catherine Turner, for the following amounts, to refund moneys paid into the City Treasury in redemption from sales for taxes and water rents to John Patten, of Lot 12, Railroad avenue, Block 63 or 347, to-wit:

$33.11 from sale of February 3d, 1859, for water rents of 1857.

$14.32 from sale of August 7th, 1862, for taxes of 1861.

$20.55 from sale of February 7th, 1862, for water rents of 1860.

$17.36 from sale of April 3d, 1863, for water rents of 1861.

The said warrant to be delivered by the City Clerk upon the surrender to said officer for cancelation of the declarations of sale heretofore issued.

On petition of Robert Mitchell:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel on the books in his office the sale made March 13th, 1872, for water rents for the year 1870 on lots 31 and 32, block 508 (135 B), assessed to Hugh McFadden, for the reason that the said assessment is on vacant property, and according to the decision of the Supreme Court is illegal.

The same committee reported on petitions of Mary J. Jewett and C. Losel for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on claim of Charles Freeman recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That $35 be paid to Charles Freeman for 15 days services as clerk in City Collector's office during the month of April, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$16.98 to W. J. Cox for supplies furnished City Hall.

$74.40 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising assessment notices, &c., &c.

$13.25 to Charles C. Becker for supplies furnished City Marshal.

$12.25 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice delivered at City Hall from May 23d to June 23d, 1885.

$54.50 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery furnished City Comptroller and City Treasurer.

$8.65 to American District Telegraph Co. for special messenger for City Collector's office during the month of May, 1885.

$8.15 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service furnished Board of Finance and Taxation during month of May, 1885.

$10.50 to Davison & Company for printing law cases.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee appointed to investigate the claims of Clarke & Co. for stationary during the fiscal year 1883–84, reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Clarke & Co. for the sum of $362.75, being in full settlement of two claims dated respectively, June 28th, 1884, for $336.75, and June 9th, 1884, for $98.60, said warrant to be delivered by the City Clerk upon receipt as above provided.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for receiving arrears of taxes at seven per cent. interest be extended to September 1st, 1885, as heretofore provided, and that it be understood that no further extension will be allowed, and that a notice be published in the official papers for the space of ten days.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be, and he is hereby directed to transfer to the credit of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies for the month of July, 1885, the

amounts appropriated for the months of October and November, 1885, said amount to be used to pay claims.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Whereas the time limited for the payment of taxes of 1881, levied and assessed according to law on lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City has expired, and a portion of the taxes for said year remains unpaid as appears by the list of unpaid taxes for said year prepared by the City Collector from the books in his office, and laid before this Board for action thereon; therefore,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to sell at public auction pursuant to the City Charter of Jersey City and the supplement thereto, and the general laws of this State applicable thereto after making, advertisement and giving such notice of said sale as required by law, said lands, tenements or real estate within the corporate limits of Jersey City for the taxes of said year of 1881, that have been assessed and remain unpaid at the time of said sale for the non-payment of said tax, together with all interest and costs thereto, added pursuant to said charter and supplements and the general laws of this State applicable thereto, and that said sale may be continued from day to day until all the property is offered for sale, and that the City Treasurer shall purchase for the city all property upon which the taxes remain unpaid at the end of the sale; and be it further

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to confer with the managers of the official newspapers regarding the cost of advertising property to be sold for unpaid taxes, and that said committee be authorized to arrange and contract with the managers of the official newspapers for the sale in question; said contract when made to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resslutions they were adopted unanimously.

The President appointed as a special committee as required by the above resolution Messrs. Reynolds and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet Friday, July 10th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m., and that the Clerk be directed to notify the Board of Police Commissioners and Board of Fire Commissioners to be present to consider the question of appropriations.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, July 10th, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of St. Lucy's Catholic Church to have taxes cancelled.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Isabella J. Mallery to have taxes and assessments adjusted.

Petition of William C. Benedict to have taxes cancelled.

Petitions of Catherine Simonson, Leonora D. Slera, T. H. Betts, C. C. Jewell, Charles E. Whitehead, William Grier and Michael Dwyer.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles B. Hughes of $8.10 for taking testimony.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $14.20 for stationery furnished City Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $281 for stationery.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $8.28 for messenger service during June, 1885.

Claim of Mackey's A. B. C. Guide of $6 for one guide for Collector's office from May, 1884, to May, 1885.

Claim of William W. Farrier of $5.75 for burners and globes for office.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $13,30 for gas consumed in City Hall from June 1st to 23rd, 1885,

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from July 6th to 10th, 1885, to be $35,679.24.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Requesting concurrence in the resolution awarding the contract to Messrs. Fox & Drummond for laying water pipe to the Harrison Township line.

2. Awarding contract to Henry Simpson for painting and kalsomining all the public schools, as per specifications.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on claim of Thomas Cavanagh, requesting payment of a judgment and costs recovered against the city, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Charles P. Nicoll, attorney for Thomas Cavanagh, for the sum of six hundred and seventy-nine dollars and forty-seven cents ($679.47), being amount of judgment and costs recovered against the city in the Hudson County Circuit Court; provided, however, that before the delivery of the warrant the said Charles P. Nicoll shall file with the City Clerk a proper satisfaction of said judgment, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The same committee reported on claim of Frank L. Clark for payment of taxed costs, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Frank L. Clark, attorney, for the sum of $42.67, being amount of taxed costs on discontinuance recovered in the Hudson County Circuit Court in the case of William Murray vs. The City.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works to wit:

Resolved, That $11 70, $7.80, $32, $74, $14.30, $13, $22.50, $25, $28.50, $26, $55 and $90 be paid to the Argus for advertising, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That $54.86, $13.75, $180, $202.50, $137.88, $155.69, be paid to Philip E. Martin for plumbing work, be and is hereby concurred in by theBoard of Finance and Taxation.

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works April 13th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for all the plumbing, gas fitting, steam heating and ventilating in School House No. 20, according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Engineer, be and is hereby awarded to Kelly, Jones & Co., at the price named in their proposal, viz: $3,773, that being the lowest bid received, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby requested to prepare and have executed the proper contract for the same, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Leonora D. Slera, T. H. Betts, C. C. Jewell, Charles E. Whitehead, William Grier and Michael Dwyer for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims.

$213.70 to Jordan Stationery Co., for stationery.

$16.75 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished City Comptrollers office.

$351 to Jordan Stationery Co. for Assessors books and stationery.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from water account to general account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of five thousand dollars on account of county tax for 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, By mutual understanding this Board has heretofore compromised assessments confirmed prior to March 1st, 1879; and,

Whereas, It is deemed advisable to extend the same terms to assessments of a later date; therefore,

Resolved, That this Board will compromise all assessments bearing date prior to January 1st, 1881, provided application be made for such compromise, and that said assessments be paid within ninety days from the date of the passage of this resolution, and that notice of said resolution be inserted in the official papers for the space of two weeks.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, There are many creditors of the city who blame this Board for the fact that their claims ordered paid by the Board of Public Works are not concurred in by this Board; therefore,

Resolved, That in order to place the blame where it belongs, we declare that the action of the Board of Finance and Taxation is based solely upon the fact that there is not enough funds to pay such claims and that it is necessary in order to insure the payment of just claims that the Board of Public Works exercise care in the use of the appropriations.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr Jordan—

Resolved, That the preamble and resolution presented by the Committee on the Whole July 1st, 1885, and adopted, instructing the Clerk of this Board to return to the Board of Public Works the resolution awarding the contract to Fox & Drummond for laying water pipe to the township of Harrison, owing to the irregularity of the proceeding in awarding said contract, be and the same is hereby rescinded and made null et void.

By Mr. Jordan—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board July 1st, 1885, non concurring in the resolution from the Board of Public Works, awarding contract to Fox & Drummond for laying water pipe to the line of the township of Harrison, be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

By Mr. Jordan—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works June 8, 1885, awarding to Fox & Drummond the contract for laying about 12,700 lineal feet of 20-inch cast-iron water pipe, with all the necessary gates, connections, branches, etc., for the purpose of conveying water from the Jersey City Water Works to the line of the township of Harrison, according to plans and specifications, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz; Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried—

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday July 13th, 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m., and that the Clerk be directed to notify the Board of Education, the Board of Aldermen, and the Board of Public Works to be present in reference to the appropriations.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Monday, July 13, 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the foreman on pipe-laying and repairs employed by the Board of Public Works, requesting this Board to concur in their salaries for the months of March, April, May and June, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions,

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Henry Simpson for painting, kalsomining, etc., public schools according to plans and specifications.

2. Ordering paid certain claims of Philip E. Martin for plumbing work.

3. Ordering paid claim of Charles H. Leake for mason work at Belleville.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Henry M. Rogers and Catherine Simonson for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Patrick McGuire for return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Patrick McGuire for the sum of $9.85, to return said amount, it being a duplicate payment for water rents for the year 1883 on lots 27 and 28, block 202, No. 18 Mercer street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of Susan Collins for return of money paid in error on water rents, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Susan Collins for the sum of $15.33, said amount being paid in excess of the correct charges for water rents against lots 13 and 14, block 430, Nos. 424 and 426 First street, for the year 1885, as per certificate of the Water Registrar, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, Under Section 179 of an act entitled an act constituting District Courts in certain cities in the State of New Jersey, "approved March 9," 1877, the clerks of the District Courts are required to keep an accurate account of all moneys received and to render detailed monthly statements to the Treasurer of the city where said District Courts may be established of such receipts and disbursements, and to pay over monthly to the said Treasurer the balances remaining in his hands; and

Whereas, The said clerks have failed to comply with the requirements of said section; therefore

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the clerks of the First and Second District Courts of Jersey City to make such returns at once, together with a full detailed statement of all moneys received by them and the disposition made by them of the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Friday, July 17th, 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Friday, July 17th, 1885, at 7 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried.

Moved, That a committee of two be appointed to confer with the residents of the Third District in reference to the improvement of Hamilton Park.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Hardenbergh and Edelstein.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Frank L. Clark for an adjustment of taxes.

Petition of St. Bridget's Catholic Church to have taxes adjusted.

Petition of Conrad Spengeman for the return of money paid on redemption of taxes of 1871.

Petitions of D. E. Cleary, Washington B. Williams, assignee of M, Armstrong, R. H. Hoadley, Owen Lenahan, Raymond Wood and Charles Whitehead.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury July 11th to 17th, 1885, both days included, to be $31,436.38.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of St. Lucy's Catholic Church requesting the cancellation of Taxes.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of W. Benedict to have taxes cancelled.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of C. J. Mallery to have certain taxes reduced.

All the above opinions were received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of June, 1885, amounting to $455.83.

2. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of June.

3. Requesting an appropriation to reconstruct the sewers in Gregory and Wayne streets from Grove street to and connecting with the sewer in York street.

4. Four resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of D. E. Cleary, Washington B. Williams, Assignee of M. Armstrong, R. H. Hoadley, Owen Lenahan, Raymond Woods and Charles Whitehead, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Conrad Spengeman recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Conrad Spengeman for the sum of $318.75, being amount paid to the City Treasurer for the redemption of lot 93, block 200, York street, sold September 26, 1873, for taxes for 1871; provided, however, that before the delivery of said warrant, the said Conrad Spengeman shall file with the City Clerk a bond of indemnity in the sum of seven hundred dollars with two sureties, said Bond to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds,

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$6 to Mackey's A.B. C. Guide for one guide for office of City Collector from May, 1884, to May, 1885.

$13.30 to the United Gas Co. for gas consumed at City Hall from June 1st to June 23d, 1885.

$8.10 to Charles B. Hughes for taking testimony in city cases.

$8.28 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for the month of June, 1885.

$5 75 to W. W. Farrier for plumbing work in office.

$171.90 to the Jersey City Printing Co. for printing law cases, &c.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, July 23d, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 23d, 1885, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners payable on demand.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, July 23, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

On motion the rules were suspended, and the following resolution was offered by Mr. Edelstein—

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His divine wisdom to remove from earth and the companionship of his fellowmen, General Ulysses S. Grant, a man to whom the American people owe a debt of the deepest gratitude for his services to the country in days of great peril; and

Whereas, Every American citizen should at this time show in some manner his sorrow for the national affliction which has fallen upon the country; therefore

Resolved, That in the death of General Grant we recognize the hand of Him who rules the destinies of nations and men with right and power to take away the life which He gave. That while bowing to His will we regret that the soldier to whom the world has paid homage has passed away from the field of active life and usefulness.

Resolved, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the City Hall be draped in mourning for the space of thirty days.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously by a standing vote of the Board.

On motion the Board returned to the regular order of business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of David H. Davis for cancellation of sale for water rents.

Petition of Aaron S. Robbins for compromise of taxes.

Petition of William McCune for return of money paid in error for water rents.

Petitions of James F. Edge, William H. Rogers and Peter H. Beckman for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Board of Education requesting an appropriation to repair building on Tonelle avenue for school purposes.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Communication from the Board of Education in reference to the issuing of bonds for the completion of school house in Greenville.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury July 18th to 23rd, 1885, both days included, to be $22,334.60.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $1,426,52 from the appropriation for streets and sewers to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers, fiscal year 1883-84.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Cancelling water rents of the Children's Home.

2. Cancelling water rents of St. Bridget's Home.

3. Ten resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Improvement of Beacon avenue from Central to Oakland avenue.

2, Improvement of Summit avenue from Academy to Wayne street.

3. Ordering paid the claim of W. W. Ruggles of $16.47 for disbursements.

4. Ordering paid claim of Charles H. Leake of $454 for mason work.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of James F. Edge, P. H. Beckman and William H. Rogers for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Bridget Parker for the sum of ten dollars due for services as janitrix for the month of February, 1885.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to furnish a statement to this Board of the amount received by the compromise of assessments.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, July 30, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions of Isabella J. Mallory, Wm. B. Van Vorst, M. E. B. Clark, Russel H. Hoadley, J. McGinnis, C. W. Wurth, Bernard Deery and John Brown for compromise of assessments.

Petition of E. F. C. Young, Receiver, for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Robert M. McMaster for payment of interest on bond.

Petition of J. H. Gautier for adjustment of taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Davison & Co., of $7, for printing briefs.

Claim of the Argus of $100 for advertising.

Claim of Wood & Menagh of $1.50 for repairs to locks.

All received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, July 24 to 30, 1885, both days included, at $23,289.44.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $564.04 from Repairs to Public Schools to account of Public Grounds and Buildings.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Contract to supply the Township of Harrison with water.
2. Advertising for proposals for a new pump at High Service station.
3. Construction of a sewer to connect with Newark avenue sewer.
4. Advertising for proposals to cover water mains.
5. Improvement of Morris street, from Greene to Washington.
6. Sewer in Morris street, from Washington to Greene street.
7. Opening Merselles street, from Newark avenue to Mill Creek.
8. Four pay rolls.
9. Seven resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is instructed to transfer the sum of $564.04 from the account of repairs to public school to the account of Public Grounds and Buildings and insurance Board of Public Works; fiscal year 1884 and '85.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein,

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments month of July, 1885, amounting to $1,458.34
2. Ordering paid claim of Hector McMullen of $118 for repaving streets.
3. Contract to supply the township of Harrison with water.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list of the employes of the Board of Finance and Taxation recommending that the resolution be adopted.

The same Committee reported on petitions of Bernard Deary, C. W. Wurth and J. McGinness for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That we do now go into the Committee of the Whole for consideration of appropriations necessary for the various departments of the city government for the next fiscal year after considering the estimates of appropriations received from the various departments, showing how much would be needed by them for the conduct of their business for the next fiscal year the committee arose and made the following report to the Board:

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation.

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the estimates and recommendations from all the Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriations for this Board, most respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present current year, for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1885, and ending November 30th, 1886, be fixed at one million four hundred and forty-two thousand six hundred and three dollars and seventy-four cents ($1,442,603.74) as the appropriation and limit of the expenditure for the respective boards (except where, by law, it may be otherwise provided.) The above amount, together with the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes and the money to be paid to Jersey City under the act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10th, 1884, your committee recommend distributed among the several boards in the following manner as the limit of the expenditure of said boards for the purposes and in the manner hereinafter mentioned, viz.:

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure of each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of

Public Works as follows:

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the streets of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1st, 1885, (this appropriations made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done or material furnished unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and the Board of Finance and Taxation $2,333.33

For payment to such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the sewers of Jersey City during the year commencing December 1st, 1885. (This appropriation is made for payments under such contract or contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any other purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be created against this item for work to be done, or material to be furnished unless the same be done or furnished in accordance with specifications to be prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance and Taxation... .. $1,000 00

Reconstruction streets and sewers..	$1,666 66
Public grounds.....	41 66
Insurance.....	41 66
Salaries.....	416 66
Printing and stationery.....	100 00
Engineering Bureau.....	750 00
For improving South Cove.....	83 33

Making the total for said Board of Public Works during said ensuing fiscal year seventy-seven thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and sixty cents ($77,199.60).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Aldermen as follows:

Relief of out-door poor.....	$1,000 00
Printing, stationery and supplies....	158 33
Rent of armories and supplies.....	375 00
Salaries.....	416 66
Public grounds and buildings.....	208 33
Improvement of Hamilton park.....	300 00

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Decoration Day.....	$ 200 00
Elections.....	8,000 00
District Courts.....	9,250 00

Making the total amount of said Board of Aldermen during the said ensuing fiscal year, forty-six thousand, nine hundred and forty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents ($46,-949 84).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month seperately for the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Police Commissioners as follows:

Salaries.....	$13,166 66
Park police....	200 00
Station houses and prisons.....	541 66
For two upstairs cells 1st precinct station house.....	83 33
Lamps and lights.....	5,833 33
Hospitals and dispensaries.....	833 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations, the following sums in gross:

Police Justices.....	$ 5,000 00
Rentals.....	1,540 00

Making total amount of said Board of Police Commissioners during the said ensuing fiscal year, two hundred and fifty-four thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and seventy-two cents ($254,439 72).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Fire Commissioners:

Salaries.....	$5,833 33
Claims.....	1,583 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Hose.....	$3,000 00
Bell Tower at Engine House No. 7..	1,000 00
New steam fire engine	4,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Fire Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year ninety-six thousand nine hundred and ninety nine dollars and ninety-two cents ($96,-999.92).

Appropriation fixed as the limit of expenditures for each month separately for the ensuing fiscal year to be expended by the Board of Education as follows:

Teachers' salaries and fuel.....	$16,030 20
Salaries of Janitors and Clerk.....	1,308 33
Books, stationery, music and Free Library.....	333 33
Rentals.....	100 00
Furniture, repairs, gas, heating and ventilating.....	416 66
Printing and blanks.....	83 33
Janitors' supplies.....	83 33

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations the following sums in gross:

Census.....	$2,000 00
Annual report.....	300 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Education during the said ensuing fiscal year two hundred and twenty-two thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixteen cents ($222,562.16).

Appropriations fixed as the limit of expenditure for each month separately of the ensuing fiscal year, to be expended by the Board of Finance and Taxation, as follows:

Salaries.....	$4,166 66
Printing, stationery and supplies..	416 66

And in addition to the above monthly appropriations in gross:

For interest and sinking funds, including $181,662.90 for sinking fund under act of 1884, to be used exclusively for the purchase and retirement of bonds, and in addition to the amount to be received by the city under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10th, 1884, (estimated at $181,662.90)....	$861,815 00
Claims, legal expenses and judgments.....	10,000 00
Contingent fund.....	10,000 00

Making the total amount for said Board of Finance and Taxation during the ensuing fiscal year nine hundred and thirty-six thousand eight hundred and fourteen dollars and eighty-four cents (936,814.84).

Recapitulation of the aggregate of yearly expenditures:

Board of Public Works	$	77,199 60
Board of Aldermen		46,949 84
Board of Police Commissioners		254,439 72
Board of Fire Commissioners		96,999 92
Board of Education		222,562 16
Board of Finance and Taxation		936,814 84
		$1,634,966 08
Less amount to be received from State for schools		192,362 34—$1,442,603 74

And your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report and recommendation of the Committee of the Whole as to the appropriations to the several Boards and the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purpose of the several boards of the city government for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1885, and ending November 30th, 1886, be and the same are hereby received and adopted, and in conformity therewith the Board of Finance and Taxation, having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several boards, do hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present year for the purposes of the said boards for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1885, and ending November 30th, 1886, both days included, at the sum of one million four hundred and forty-two thousand six hundred and three dollars and seventy-four cents ($1,442,603.74), and that sum together with the amount to be paid by the State to Jersey City for schools, and together with the amount to be paid to Jersey City under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, is hereby distributed among the several boards in the amounts as recommended by the said Committee of the Whole and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limit of expenditure for the said purposes during the said fiscal year.

The report was received and ordered filed and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The President having called for the ayes and nays on the above resolutions, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adoted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By. Mr. Hardenbergh.

Resolved, That the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable on demand as the evidence of such indebtedness.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of August, 1885, interest:

On general account	$20,590 00
" "	20,000 00
On water account	6,500 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from water account to general account, to return part of loan.

By Mr Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account, to return part of loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer as follows to pay salaries as members of the Board of Finance and Taxation to wit:

R. B. Seymour, 13 days in April	$16 44
Isaac Romaine, 13 days in April	16 44
John Edelstein to July 1st, 1885	108 56
W. D. Reynolds to July 1st, 1885	108 56

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried;

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, August 13th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, August 13th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Allan L. McDermott in reference to a decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals in the case of Elmendorf vs. The City.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Henry Lembeck for an adjustment of an assessment.

Petition of Henry Beckman for compromise of taxes and assessments.

Petition of Joseph R. Van Syckle for an adjustment of taxes and assessments.

Petition of Mt. Zion Sanctuary, of Jersey City, to have taxes cancelled.

Petition of Saran M. Evans for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Jane M. Gurnsey for compromise of assessments.

Petitions of Wm. Pierson, Henry Lembeck, John Van Horn, A. McDowell, Louisa Blaick, Williams & Cowles, McGill & Taylor, L. Beyer, Isabella J. Malley, John Feigle, James Hanley, M. V. B. Clark, J. H. Gautier, George R. Vreeland, for compromise of assessments.

All the above were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from John W. Bissell, Attorney of John Williams, requesting payment of claim for work done by said Williams.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of T. C. Brown & Van Anglen of $4.99 for 99¾ yards of cambric used to decorate the City Hall.

Claim of P. E. Martin of $7.75 for taking down stoves, &c., in City Hall.

Claim of the Argus of $12 for printing Comptroller's blanks.

Claim of the Argus of $62 50 for Stationery and Printing.

Claim of the Argus of $40 for letter and note heads.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $10.06 for messenger service during month of July, 1885.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald for $24 for advertising.

Claim of J. C. Gas Light Co, of $24.47 for gas consumed at City Hall from June 23 to July 29, 1885.

Claim of Wm. M. Laws of $10 for memorial badges.

Claim of A. L. McDermott of $65 for disbursements.

All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Clerk and City Comptroller. Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll water rates and assessments, repairs to hydrants made month of July, 1885, $447.25.

2. Pay roll pumping and reservoirs month of July, 1885, amounting to $118.

3. Pay roll extension and distributions month of July, 1885, amounting to $1,054.25.

4. Pay roll pumping and Reservoirs month of July, 1885, amounting to $3,367.74.

5. Pay roll extension and distribution month of July, 1885, amounting to $729.

6. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $1,000 from account of cleaning sewers to the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

On reassembling the same members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on concurrent resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adption of the following resolutions:

1. Construction of a sewer to connect with the sewer in Newark avenue.

2. Improvement of Laidlaw avenue from Oakland to Central avenues.

3. Ordering paid claim of William E. Greathead.

4. Ordering paid claims adopted August 3, 1885, June 15, July 27, July 17, June 29, June 8, July 8, July 20, July 13.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz; Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of William Pairson, Henry Lembeck, John Van Horn, Catherine Daly, A. McDowell, Louisa Blaick, Williams & Cowles, McGill & Taylor, L. Beyer, George R. Vreeland, John Fiegel, Isabella J. Mailey, James Hanley, M. V. B. Clark and J. H. Gautier, for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petitions of Patrick Shea for the return of money overpaid on an assessment, and Daniel Van Winkle for the return of money overpaid on water rents for 1885, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz; Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan—

Resolved, That all pay rolls of the Board of Public Works, now in the hands of this Board, be returned to said Board; and further

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board request the Board of Works to so divide said pay rolls that the names, occupation and time of the permanent men appear separate from the others, and that the pay rolls then be returned to this Board properly certified to.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding twenty-seven thousand dollars for the purpose of paying claims of contractors on

new school building now in course of erection on Danforth avenue, and that temporary loan bonds be issued for said amount, with interest at the rate of five per cent per annum for such time not exceeding three years, as the committee may deem advisable.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the Board of Police Commissioners be authorized to advertise for proposals for a new night soil scow at a cost not to exceed $1,500 and the old scow.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, August 27th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, August 27th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Edwin Manners, Caroline Thomas, Harriett P. Eaton, G. P. Howell, Agent, W. H. Wheeler and James Anderson.

Petition of Charles Siedler to have duplicate taxes cancelled.

Petition of the Trustees of the German Methodist Episcopal Church for the return of money paid in error on taxes

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the Clerk of the Board of Public Works enclosing copies of a communication from G. D. Saltonstall, M , D., Health Inspector for Hudson County in reference to the unsanitary condition of Sixteenth street, and also a communication from J. W. Bissell, attorney for John Williams, requesting payment of his salary.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works returning all pay rolls sent to the Board by order of resolution passed August 13th, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $7 50 for pigeon-hole slips.

Claim of Albert Datz of $26 50 for stationery furnished City Clerk's office.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $26.50 for stationery and postage stamps.

Claim of William Brinkerhoff of $23.19 for disbursements as Corporation Counsel.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler of $16 20 for advertising.

Claim of the ARGUS of $44 for printing manuals, pages 17 to 28.

Claim of the Argus of $58.80 for advertising assessors' notices.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Collector for tax bills

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the Ledger Association in reference to printing circulars, &c.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Fixing proposed route of Greenville sewer.

2. Widening Pavonia avenue, from Chestnut avenue to Newark avenue.

3. Advertising for unloading, carting and trimming coal at Belleville.

4. Cancelling water rents against German-American School Association.

5. Rescinding resolution fixing route of sewer in Greenville.

6. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs month of June, 1885, amounting to $21.50.

7. Nine resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Fixing line of Greenville sewer as follows: Beginning at a point in the centre line of avenue E, distant 25 feet west of the east boundary line of lands owned by Albert N. Brown; thence running southerly in a straight line or course parallel to the said east boundary line of Albert N. Brown and distant 25 feet therefrom measuring at right angles to low water mark in New York bay.

2. Opening of Merseles street from Newark avenue to the centre line of Mill creek.

3 Improvement of Cottage street from Nelson avenue to the Pennsylvania railroad cut.

4. Advertising for unloading, carting and trimming coal at Belleville.

The aves and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works June 15th, 20th, 29th, July 8th, 13th, 20th, 27th, Aug. 3d and 17th, recommending they be ordered paid.

The aves and nays having been called on each resolution the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—President Datz.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That the resolution adopted August 13th, 1885, fixing the route for the Greenville sewer, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the pay rolls now in the hands of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions be taken from the committee and referred to the Board as a Committee of the Whole.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That a special committee of two be appointed to investigate the said pay rolls and report their action to the Board.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the President was added to the committee.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of August, 1885, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of August, 1885, when due, viz.:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00

Clerks to Collector:—	
William H. Tuttle	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Printing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00
L. D. Fowler, revising Assessment maps	125 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00

The same committee reported on petitions of James M. Guernsey, Peter H. Beckman, Caroline Thomas, G. P. Howell, agent, William H. Wheeler, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Peter H. Beckman:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to receive from Peter H. Beckman, or his representatives, in full payment of an assessment for the improvement or Bowers street, (late Van Vorst) from Palisade to Central avenues, the following amounts to wit:

Lot 58, block 775, present assessment, $312; reduced to $237.

Lot 58, block 775, present assessment, $292; reduced to $217.

Provided all other taxes and assessments due on said property are paid in full with interests, and costs if any, and provided further that said payments are made within 10 days from the date of the passage of this resolution otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on the following claims:

$27.55 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished City Collector.

$26.50 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished City Clerk.

$26.50 to Jordan Stationery Company for postage stamps, &c.

$24 to J. C. Herald for advertising.

$16,20 to Sunday Tattler for advertising.

$44 to the Argus for printing manuals, pages 17 to 38.

$58.80 to the Argus for advertising Assessor's notices.

$7.50 to the Argus for pigeon hole slips.

$40 to the Argus for letter and note heads.

$100 to the Argus for advertising.

$12 to the Argus for printing blanks for Comptroller.

$10.06 to the American District Telegraph for messenger service.

$7.50 to P. E. Martin for taking down stoves.

$4.99 to Brown & Van Anglen for decorations.

$65 to A. L. McDermott for disbursements.

$7 to Davison & Co. for printing briefs.

$1.50 to Wood & Menagh for repairs.

$24.51 to J. C. Gas Light Co. for gas.

$23 19 to William Brinkerhoff for disbursements.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of September, 1885, interest account:

On General account	$5,600 00
On General account, to pay interest on assessment bonds	1,592 50
On Water account	19,145 00

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That the matter of compromise of assessments be referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments with power.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Thursday, September 17th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Sept. 17th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions to be allowed to pay taxes at 7 per cent were received from the estate of Henry O'Neill, Louisa Ellis, Provident Institution for Savings and the First National Bank of Hackensack.

Petition of Lucina M. McBurney to have an award for damages received in payment of a certain assessment for paving Summit avenue.

Petition of August Woeckner to have tax sale cancelled.

Petition of Isaac Smith for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petitions of St. Bridget's Catholic Church, Patrick Walter, Jr., Geo. Keogh, Julia Mayer, J. R. Van Syckle and Henry V. Condict for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of John Boyd of $326 for painting and papering office of City Treasurer and City Comptroller.

Claim of B. F. Corduan of $1.75 for lock and keys for office.

Claim of Wm. H. Dalton of $13.50 for draping City Hall in mourning in memory of Gen. Grant.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Co. of $2.47 for gas consumed in City Hall from July 29th to August 29th, 1885.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $10.25 for messenger service during month of April, 1885.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $6.07 for messenger service during the month of August, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of the Argus of $1,981 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $1,981 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler of $1,981 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

Claim of the Jersey City Herad of $1,981 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

All of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Comptroller and Board of Assessors.

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the Collection of arrears of personal taxes reported that he had collected the sum of $889.96.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Collector reported that he had received for collection in his office the following assessment maps:

Improvement of Sherman avenue from Ferry to Hutton street, $4,251.15.

Sewer in St. Paul's avenue from 75 feet west of Palisade to Oakland avenue, $6.977.50.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of all unexpended balances to the credit of the Committee on Furniture and Repairs for the purpose of paying outstanding claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $211 from appropriation to build abutment at Avenue "C" to the Appropriation for Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers fiscal year 1884 and '85.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Opening, widening and changing boundaries of Noble street from Old Bergen Road to Morris Canal.

2. Authorizing committee to advertise for proposals for the construction of a fire-proof vault.

3. Authorizing contract to be made with the Bell Waterphone Company for the use of their instrument, &c., &c.

4. Construction of a sewer in Bleecker street from a point 50 feet east of Durham avenue to Pierce avenue.

5. Construction of a sewer in Hancock avenue from Congress street to South street.

6. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of South street from Ogden to Central avenues.

7. Awarding contract to Edward O'Donnell for unloading, carting and trimming coal at Belleville at twenty-seven cents per gross tons.

8. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of August, 1885.

9. Three pay rolls of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of August, 1855.

10. Two pay rolls of Committee on Wates Rates and Assessments for the month of August, 1885.

11, Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers recommending the adoption of the following resolutions;

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of cleaning sewers, $500 from the month of October and $500 from the month of November, 1885, to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers, Board of Public Works fiscal year of 1884-'85.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,426.52 from the account of streets and sewers to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers, Board of Public Works, fiscal year of $1883-'84.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of August, 1885, amounting to $1,458.34.

2. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of South street, from Ogden to Central avenue.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of George Keogh, James Anderson, Livingston Gifford, H. V. Condict, Jos. R Van Syckle, Julia Meyer and Patrick Walter, Jr., for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Henry Lembeck as follows:

Resolved, That the City Collector be authorized and directed to receive from Henry Lembeck the following amounts in full settlement of the assessments, without interest, as per certificate of L. D. Fowler, Assessment Clerk, Board of Public Works:

Ocean avenue, improvement Myrtle to Atlantic, plot 16, block 1.415, $424 82

Ocean avenue, improvement Myrtle to Atlantic, lot 19, block 1,414, $75.

Ocean avenue, grading Danforth to Atlantic, plot 16, block 1.415, $58 50.

Ocean avenue, grading Danforth to Atlantic, lot 19, block 1,414, $13.75.

Ocean avenue, opening Avenue C to Atlantic, plot 16, block 1,415, $9.75.

Ocean avenue, opening Avenue C to Atlantic, lot 19, block 1,414, $1 25.

Jackson place, opening Ocean to old Bergen Road, lot 19, block 1,414, $7.50.

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property be paid in full, with interest and costs, if any; and provided, further, that said payments are made within ten days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null and void and of no effect.

The same committee reported on petition of Charles Siedler as follows:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby requested and authorized to cancel of record on the books in his office the assessment for taxes of 1882 against plot 8, block 523½, Sixth district, it being a duplicate assessment, as per certificate of the assessor attached to petition; the same property is assessed as lots M, L, K, H, G and F, Clinton avenue.

The same committee reported on petition of William McCune, agent, as follows:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of William Mc Cune, agent, for the sum of eleven dollars and forty cents ($11.40) to return said amount, it being paid twice, for water rents for the year 1885 on lot 121, block 784, Sherman avenue, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of E. F. C. Young, Receiver, as follows:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Edward F. C. Young, Receiver, for the sum of $599,39, being the amount paid twice on taxes for the year 1884 on property owned by the Dixon Crucible Works and known as lots 13 to 16, 13 to 16, 13 to 16, block 381, Nos. 171, 173 and 175 Wayne street, and that the City Collector be notified.

The same committee reported on petition of the Emory Methodist Episcopal church to have certain assessments reduced, and also the petition of Aaron F. Robbins to be allowed to pay taxes without interest, adverse to granting the same the committee not deeming it to be for the best interests of the city to grant the prayers of the petitioners.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$13,50 to William H. Dalton for draping City Hall in mourning.

$2,47 to the United Gas Improvement Co., for gas consumed in City Hall from July 29th to August 29th, 1885.

$14.20 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery.

$6.07 to the American District Telegraph company for messenger service during the month of August.

$1.75 to B. F. Corduan for locks and keys.

$326,00 to John Boyd for painting and papering offices of the City Treasurer and City Comptroller.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

A special committee to whom was referred August 9th, 1885, certain pay rolls of the Board of Public Works reported recommending that the said pay rolls be returned to the Board of Public Works and that they be requested to send to this Board separate pay rolls of the regular employees of the city.

In connection with the above motion the committee offered the following preamble and motion:

Whereas, A conflict has arisen between the Board of Public Works of this city and this Board respecting the payment of certain pay rolls which the Board of Public Works has presented to this Board for its concurrence and for the purpose of publicly defining the course that will be pursued by this Board in the future it is

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City hereby gives notice that hereafter it will neither consent to nor concur in the pay rolls nor in the payment of any person or persons employed in or about the Jersey City Water Works at any place or in any capacity whatever other than those hereinafter specifically named, to-wit: At Belleville, one (1) engineer in charge, six (6) engineers, six (6) firemen, three (3) coal passers, one (1) machinist, one (1) reservoir tender, one (1) clerk, one (1) driver, one (1) oiler, and six (6) general workmen, also one (1) pipe walker and one (1) bridge tender.

At High Service: Three (3) engineers, three (3) firemen, one (1) reservoir keeper, and those engaged in repairing breaks in pipes, hydrants, and making repairs generally to the water pipes, etc,; and further

Resolved, That this Board will neither consent to or concur in the doing of any work, nor in the payment for the same unless the same be done by contract, given out by the said Board of Public Works under proposals in the manner required by law, and that said work is certified to by the Chief Engineer as having been done according to contract, excepting in case of breakage or accident which shall be certified to this Board by the Chief Engineer.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenburgh:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation will readily concur in such claims presented by the Board of Public Works as shall be certified by them as of its regular salaried account for such as may be in the employment of the service of the city, and that it reserves

its decision in all such cases where employment has been given without concurrence of this Board until such proof has been afforded to this Board that such employment and such expense was necessary for the best interests of the city.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson Co. National Bank to the credit of October, 1885, interest account:

On general account	$26,010
" " "	20,000
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	16,000
On water account,	14,000
" " "	14,000

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of fifteen hundred ($1,500) dollars from the contingent fund to the credit of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1884-85.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Sept. 24th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from John Trall, T. H. Betts, Charles Kamlab, Thomas B. Rittenhouse, Martin Crouse.

Petition of Augnst Masser to have tax sale cancelled.

Petition of M. D. Hancox for cancellation of taxes.

Petition of R. D. Van Buskerk to have an assessment adjusted.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of T. C. Long of $18.75 for incidenta expenses.

Claim of the Jersey City Printing Co. of $10.20 for prining law case Hand vs. Jersey City.

Claim of The Evening Journal of $100 for advertising.

Claim of George F. McAneny of $69.85 for disbursements from December 1st, 1884, to September 1st, 1885.

Claim of Albert Datz of $69.75 for stationery furnished City Comptroller.

Claim of The Chelsea Ice Co. of $12.25 for ice furnished City Hall from August 23d to September 23d, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition was received from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury September 18th to 24th, 1885, both days included, at $17,440.10.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting this Board to have the hall and stairs painted.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer.

Received and referred to Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works and Board of Education requesting transfer and recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That $211 be transferred from the appropriation for building abutement at Avenue C, to the account of reconstruction of Streets and Sewers, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1884 '85.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the several appropriations of the Board of Directors of Education, amounting to $511.92 to the account of Furniture and Repairs, Board of Directors of Education, fiscal year 1883-84, for the purpose of paying outstanding claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

1. Improvement of Morris street, from Washington to Greene streets.

2. Construction of a sewer in Morris street, from Washington to Greene streets.

3. Opening, widening and changing as to boundaries of Noble street, from Old Bergen Road to Morris Canal.

4. Awarding contract to Edward O'Dounell for carting, unloading and trimming coal at Belleville.

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the salary list for the month of September, 1885, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of September, 1885, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
William H. Tuttle	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Printing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00
L. D. Fowler, revising Assessment maps	125 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00

The same committee reported on petitions of Edwin Manners and Washington B. Williams for compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

On petition of St. Lucy Catholic Church;

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed and authorized to cancel of record on the books in his office the taxes for the years 1882, 1883 and 1884 on lot 6, block 258 The property being owned by the St. Lucy's Catholic Church and used for church purposes.

On petition of August Woeckner:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be requested to cancel of record the sale made to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1880 of plot 132 feet front on northwest side of Bergen avenue, 682 feet on Van Riper lane, assessed to R. C. Van Riper, the same having been twice assessed for said year and paid in the name of J. N. H. Clendenny.

On petition of David H. Davis:

Resolved, That the sale made to the City Treasurer March 13th, 1872, for water rents of 1869, of No. 19 Madison avenue, block 96, assessed by William Overbaugh, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk, for the reason that said water rents were erroneously assessed and sold.

On petition of Lucina M, McBurney:

Resolved, That the City Clerk and City Comptroller be and they are hereby directed to pay to the order of Lucina M. McBurney the sum of $1,308.59, in payment for lands taken for the widening of Summit avenue, with interest, said warrant to be used only for the payment of taxes, assessments or water rates.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on the pay-roll for the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of salaries of the members of the Board and Finance and Taxation for the three months ending September 30th, 1885, when due, viz.:

Emil E. Datz, President	$125 00
John Edelstein	125 00
A. A. Hardenbergh	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00
William D. Reynolds	125 00

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$12 25 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice.

$10.45 to American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service during the month of April, 1885.

$69 75 to Albert Datz for stationery furnished City Comptroller.

$74.40 to Jordan Stationery Co for stationery furnished Corporation Attorney,

$69 85 to George F. McAneny for disbursements as Clerk from December 1st, 1884, to Sept. 1st, 1885

$13 75 to Timothy C. Long for incidental expenses.

$100 to the Evening Journal for advertising.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That the resolution adopted by this Board Sept. 17, 1885, ordering the return of all pay-rolls to the Board of Public Works, be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, as reported by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, and now in the hands of this Board, to wit:

June, 1885, amounting to	$2,724 64
June, 1885, high service	467 40
June, 1885, cleaning screens	21 50
July, 1885	3,367 74
July, 1885, repairs to main pipe	118 00
August, 1885	3,174 24

—be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the pay-roll resolutions adopted by the Board of Public Works, as reported by the Committee on Extensions and Distribution, and now in the hands of this Board, to wit:

Month of March, 1885	$1,937 11
Month of April, 1885	1,708 05
Month of April, 1885	1,849 72
Month of May, 1885	1,895 94
Month of May, 1885	1,018 59
Month of June, 1885	865 88
Month of June, 1885	2,723 75
Month of June, 1885	455 83
Month of July, 1885	455 83
Month of July, 1885	1,054 25
Month of July, 1885	729 00
Month of August, 1885	1,281 36
Month of August, 1885	808 25
Month of August, 1885	455 83

Be and the same are hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—President Datz.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, It appears that the claims presented by the official papers for advertising the tax sales are incorrect, therefore

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to refer the bills back to the papers for correction.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Board that the bond filed with the Secretary of State by the Clerk of the First District Court is insufficient, therefore be it

Resolved, That said Clerk be directed to file forthwith another and sufficient bond; and further

Resolved, That said Clerk of said First District Court be directed to file with the City Treasurer monthly reports of the receipts of said court, commencing at the date of his last report, and that he be directed to hereafter make monthly reports and payments to said City Treasurer, as required by section 179 of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An act constituting district courts in certain cities of this State," approved March 9th, 1877.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer

for the sum of $18,000, to transfer that amount from assessment account to general account to return part of loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the privilege of paying arrears of taxes, with interest at seven per centum per annum be renewed, and that the date fixed by the act of the Legislature be fixed as the limit of time during which such arrears will be received at seven per cent. interest.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Reynolds.

Communication from William Kearney, engineer in charge at Belleville, showing the actual number of men it will take to run the Belleville pumping station.

Received and referred to a special committee consisting of President Datz and Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Oct. 1st, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition to William Kern to have an assessment adjusted.

Petition of B. S. Halsey to have personal and poll tax cancelled.

Petition of Edward G. Barry for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jersey City Furniture Company of $171.48 for carpet furnished City Treasurer's and City Comptroller's office.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $1,520.40 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $1,520.40 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler of $1,520.40 for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions from the City Collector and City Clerk for stationery, Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, September 25th to October 1st, 1885, both days included to be $108,622 59.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Aldermen requesting an extra appropriation to cover estimated deficiency in amount appropriated for elections.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims with power.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Construction of a sewer in Bleecker street from 20 feet east of Passaic avenue to Central avenue.

2. Construction of a sewer in Sherman avenue from 20 feet south of Griffith street to Hutton street.

3. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for September, 1885.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of September, 1885.

5. Three pay rolls of the Committee on Extensions for the month of September, 1885.

6. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $200 from the account of books, stationery, music and Free Library to the account of furniture and repairs Board of Education fiscal year 1884-'85.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on concurrent resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following matters be concurred in by this Board:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of September, 1885, amounting to $1,458.34.

2. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported as follows:

On petitions of Charles Kamlah, Thomas B. Rittenhouse, T. N. Betts, John Drall and Lucina M. McBurney for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of F. G. Glock:

Resolved, That the City Collector be directed to cancel of record on the books in office the assessments made against lot 296 Cambridge avenue, block 791, standing in the name of Thomas J. Brown, for the years 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883 and 1884, it being a duplicate assessment, the same property being assessed in the name of F. G. Glock.

On petition of August Masser:

Resolved, That all taxes and tax sales affecting lot 76, block 565, Culver's map of 13th, 14th 15th and 16th wards of Jersey City, and part of lot, block 565, on Title and Assessment map for 1884, assessed to unknown, be cancelled, the same being erroneous.

On petition of the Mount Zion Sanctuary of Jersey City:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the taxes of the years 1882, 1883 and 1884 on lot 6, blocks 1,501 and 1,502, said property being used for religious purposes and therefore exempt from taxation.

On petition of Lucina M. McBurney:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lucina M. McBurney for the sum of $1,361 70, being principal and interest of an award for damages and property taken by the city for the widening of Palisade road (now Summit avenue), as appears upon the report of the City Comptroller, presented to the Board of Aldermen Oct. 4, 1870, said warrant to be used only in payment of taxes and assessments.

On petition of R. D. Van Buskirk:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to receive from R. D. Van Buskirk the sum of $216.79 in full settlement of the bill of assessment for the improvement of a portion of York, Henderson, Gregory and Van Vorst streets, the difference being the amount due said Van Buskirk as difference between the old and new assessment for the widening of Montgomery street from Jersey avenue to Mill Creek.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$58.80 to the Argus for advertising Assessors' notices.

$171.48 to the Jersey City Furniture Co. for carpet for City Treasurer's and City Comptroller's office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole reported on claims of the official papers for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of $1,520.40 be paid to the Evening Journal for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

Resolved, That the sum of $1,520.40 be paid to the Jersey City Herald for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881, one third of the above amount to be paid in a warrant receiveable by the city only for taxes, assessments or water rents on lot 42, block 571.

Resolved, That the sum of $1,520.40 be paid to the Sunday Tattler for advertising sale of lands for taxes of 1881.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of sixtyfi-ve dollars to transfer that amount from general account to October, 1885, interest account (to pay interest on assessment bonds).

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from genera account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of eleven thousand six hundred and one 20 100 dollars on account of county tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of one hundred and fifty-nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-two 83-100 dollars on account of State school tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of eight thousand three hundred and ninety-eight 80-100 dollars on account of county tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Assessors be requested to have their books ready by October 15th, 1885, and to file them with this Board at a meeting to be held on that date.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to devise and report to this Board some plan for providing means for proper care and preservation of the records of the city now in the several offices of the City Hall, as authorized by section one of an act entitled "An act to provide for the preservation of public records of cities of this State," approved March 23d, 1883.

The resolution was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Oct. 8th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William Pairson, Edwin Manners, William Kern and Hannah Brown, all of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $1,540 20 for advertising sale of lands for arrears of taxes of 1881.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Claim of Albert Datz of $14 for one warrant book furnished City Clerk's office.

Claim of F. D. Linn of $2 for copy of the laws of 1885.

Claim of the American District Co. for $5.15 messenger service for September 1885.

Claim of W. W. Farrier of $64.26 for plumbing work in City Hall.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. for $180 for postage stamps for City Collector.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $83.25 for stationery.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition was received from the City Comptroller for stationery and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Communication from the City Collector certifying that he had received in his office for collection the following assessment maps:

Opening Clark avenue between old Bergen road and Ocean avenue amounting to $397.

Opening, &c., Grover street between Ocean and Garfield avenue amounting to $280.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury October 2d to 8th, 1885, to be $193,698.30.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Improving of Pearsall avenue, Old Bergen Road to Bergen avenue.

2. Repairing damages done to the property of Mrs. John Gordon by the bursting of the water main.

3. Pay roll of Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of September, 1885, amounting to $3,185,62.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

5. Authorizing committee to advertise for 1,000 lengths 6-inch water pipe.

6. Appointment of Stephen P. Yoe as inspector on laying water pipe from Belleville to township line of Harrison.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Michael Curley for sewer in Sherman avenue from 20 feet south of Griffith to Hutton street.

2. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of William Kern, William Pairson, Edwin Manners and Hannah Brown for the compromise of assessments recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Isaac Smith, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Isaac Smith for the sum of $10.10, being the amount overpaid on lots 123, 119½, 119, block 625, Forest street, for water rents for the year 1885, as per certificate of the Water Registrar attached to the petition, and further

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$14 to Albert Datz for one warrant book furnished City Clerk.

$2 to F. D. Linn for copy of laws of 1885.

$5.15 to American district Telegraph Co. for messenger service for September, 1885.

$64 26 to W. W. Farrier for plumbing work in City Hall.

$180 to the Jordan Stationery Co. for postage stamps furnished City Collector.

$83.25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for the City Collector.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above claims, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole reported on claim of the Argus for advertising tax sales of 1881, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Argus for the sum of $1,520.40 for advertising sale of lands for arrears of taxes of 1881.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Oct. 15th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the Salem Evangelical Church Association to have taxes cancelled.

Petition of Dr. George W. Bull for the payment of interest on coupons lost or mislaid.

Petition of Alexander H. Ross, agent, for the payment of money on a warrant which had been lost or mislaid.

All the above petitions were received, and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Stephen Vreeland to have an assessment adjusted,

Petitions of George A. Vroom, Peter H. Beckman, Oliver Higgins and Rev. S. M. Rice for compromise of Assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Robert M. McMaster for payment of interest on bond.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co. of $36.25 for rent of instrument and tollage from April 1st to October 1st, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisitions were received from the City Collector for city maps and cases for the same, and the City Marshal for coal.

Both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury from October 9th to 15th, 1885, to be $18,213.36.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a list of all cases now pending in the courts in which the city is a party.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel with a request that he comply with the resolution.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an appropriation of $1,700 to the account of elections.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting that all official bonds be recorded in the County Clerk's office in accordance with an act approved February 5th, 1881.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on concurrent resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for the improvement of Garfield avenue.

2. Awarding damages for lands taken for sewer in Avenue E.

3. Awarding contract to Dennis Byrnes for the improvement of South street, from Nelson to Central avenue.

4. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for sewer in Griffith street from a point 425 feet west of Summit avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in Summit avenue.

5. Eleven resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an extra appropriation of $2,500 to repair the paved streets in Jersey City.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions recommending that they be adopted:

1. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for the improvement of Garfield avenue.

3. Awarding damages for lands taken for sewer in Avenue E.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Anthony Miller, Peter H. Beckman, George A. Vroom and S. M. Rice, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County have refused to pay any of the expenses of the ensuing registry and election, except the compensation of officers for election day and as canvassers, and

Whereas, The appropriation based upon the action of said Board in previous years is not now sufficient to cover the expenditure, and

Whereas, The laws of the State require an election to be held, and it is incumbent upon this Board to provide the monies necessary for the purpose; therefore

Resolved, That pursuant to the request of the Board of Aldermen this Board sanction an expenditure by said Board of Alderman of an amount not exceeding seventeen hundred dollars, ($1,700), in addition to amount heretofore appropriated for the purpose of paying all the expenses of the ensuing registry and election, and that the Comptroller be authorized to charge such extra expenditure to general account until the further order of this Board.

Resolved, That a bond on demand for seventeen hundred dollars with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum be issued in favor of the Hudson County National Bank, the proceeds of said bond to be credited to account of election expenses of November, 1885, and its payment to be provided for from account of contingent fund in the tax account of 1885-86.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board October 1st, 1885, compromising the assessments of Lucind M. McBurney be so amended that if the three bills amounting to $1,000, $440.07 and $158.94, respectively, be paid within five days from the date of the passage of this resolution, the time for the payment of the remaining bill, amounting to $578.46, be extended ninety days.

By Mr. Edlestein:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to advertise (once in each paper) inviting proposals for building a fire proof vault in the City Hall according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the architect, Lewis E. Broome, No. 47 Montgomery street.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the tax levy made, and all taxes assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City in the Fourth and Fifth districts for the year 1885 and 1886, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed, and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously at 9:25 o'clock p. m.

By Mr. Hardenberg and carried:

Moved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby instructed to allow on all taxes for the year 1885 and 1886 paid prior to the twentieth day of December, 1885, rebate of interest at the rate of eight per centum per annum.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Oct. 22nd, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of John A. McGrath, attorney for Thomas O'Connor, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city in the First District Court.

Petition of Paul W. Caesar requesting payment of a lost coupon on a Jersey City water bond.

Both the above petitions were received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Mary J. Buckley to have taxes of 1883 corrected.

Petition of Mrs, Edwards for the return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William V. O'Connor, William McCune, Robert Armstrong and Henry Thompson.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $177 for printing tax bills, &c., &c., for City Collector.

Claim of John McGuigan of $112.50 for services as acting Marshal of the 1st District Court during the months of May and June, 1880.

Claim of R. L. Polk & Co., of $5, for one copy of the New Jersey State directory.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury October 16th to 22d, 1885, both days included, to be $73,917.84.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal taxes, reported that he had collected since the date of his last report the sum of $806.58.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Alexander H. Ross, agent, asking for the issuance of a warrant for one said to have been lost, advising the Board not to grant the said petition until a proper bond of indemnity be executed and the facts contained in the petition be verified by oath.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the Clerk directed to notify the petitioner.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Dr. George W. Bull for the payment of interest due on five Jersey City registered bonds, advising the Board to grant the prayer of petitioner upon the filing of a bond of indemnity, the same to be first approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the Clerk directed to notify petitioner.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of the Salem Evangelical Church Association requesting that the taxes against lot 3, block 1,259, be cancelled, advising that the Board refuse to grant the relief asked for in said petition, the property not being exempt from taxation by law.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the Clerk directed to notify petitioner.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Robert M. McMaster for the payment of interest due on bond numbered 422, advising that the Board direct the payment of the same.

The opinion was received and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for blowing off hydrants, &c., &c., during the month of June, 1885, amounting to $813.25.

2. Authorizing contract to be made to supply the City of Bayonne with water for five years.

3. Construction of a sewer from Avenue E through Brown Place, Garfield avenue, Sea view avenue, Old Bergen road, Greenville avenue, to a point 300 feet south of Scott street.

4. Improvement of Webster avenue from the northerly line of Prospect street to the southerly line of Paterson plank road.

5. Advertising for proposals for a five million gallon pump for High Service Pumping Station, at a cost not to exceed $29.000.

6. Improvement of Vreeland street from Grand to Bay View avenue.

7. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board re-assembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Improvement of Vreeland street from Grand to Bay View avenue.

2. Construction of a sewer from Avenue E, through Brown Place, Garfield avenue, Sea View avenue, Old Bergen road, Greenville avenue to a point 300 feet south of Scott street.

3 Awarding to Dennis Byrnes the contract for the improvement of South street from Nelson to Central avenue.

4. Improvement of Pearsall avenue from Old Bergen road to Bergen avenue.

5. Repairing the damage done to property of Mrs. John Gordon, situated at 538 Pavonia avenue, caused by the bursting of a water main, the cost not to exceed $100.

6. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of William McCune, agent for the compromise of an assessment, recommending that the same be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of the Argus, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $177 be paid to the Argus for printing two cash books and 26,000 tax bills.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on claim of the Jordan Stationery Company of $281 for printing bonds, recommending the payment of the same.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the claim was laid over for one week.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The City Collector sent the following communication to the Board:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I would most respectfully nominate the following named gentlemen as extra clerks to make out the tax bills of 1885, said appointments to take effect October 23d, 1885: Julius Jarecki, W. P. Smith, John E. Archibald, Harry Liebenau, J. W. Wilson and Frederick Clos.

Mr. Jordan moved the confirmation of the appointments.

Mr. Hardenbergh moved as an amendment that the matter lay on the table.

The ayes and nays having been called on the amendment it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Edelstein.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

The ayes and nays having been called on the original motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the following resolution passed by this Board at its meeting held on the 15th of October, A. D. 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That a bond for seventeen hundred dollars, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, be issued in favor of the Hudson County National Bank the proceeds of said bond to be credited to account of election expenses of November, 1885, and its payment to be provided for from account of contingent fund in the tax account of 1885-86, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, by the terms of the charter rebate to the amount of 12 per cent. per annum is allowed to all who pay their taxes before December 20th, when said taxes are due and payable; therefore

Resolved, That the Collector do make allowance of such rebate at said rate and that the resolution passed October 15th, 1885, directing the rebate at eight per cent. be rescinded.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be instructed hereafter to forward all claims from the Boards to the chairmen of the several committees of this Board whose duty it is to examine the same in order that proper time may be given for their examination before presentation to this Board for concurrence.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the time for compromise of assessments be extended to December 20th, 1885.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted October 1st, 1885, a resolution directing the City Collector to receive from R. D. Van Buskirk the sum of $216.79 in full settlement for an assessment for the improvement of a portion of York, Henderson, Gregory and Van Vorst streets, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all taxes assessed by the Assessors of Jersey City in the First, Second, Third and Sixth Districts of Jersey City for the years 1885 and '86, transcripts of which have been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed and the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously at 9:50 o'clock p. m.

The proposals for building a vault in the City Hall according to plans and specifications on file with Lewis H. Broome, Architect, were submitted to the Board and the Clerk was directed to read the same:

Reehill & Burns bid	$ 700 00
Thomas Robinson bid	744 00
John T. Rowland bid	780 00
John G. Smith bid	849 00
F. C. Meehan bid	1,045 00

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh, all the above bids were received and referred to the Committee of the whole with power.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Oct. 29th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from James Reilly, A. T. Morris and Frank L. Clark.

Petition of Jacob Keifer for cancellation of tax sales.

Petition of the estate of Jacob Kornabrens for cancellation of tax sale.

Petition of Mrs. John B. Coles, third, to have an error corrected on taxes of 1885.

Petition of Summit avenue Baptist Church.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claims of Philip E. Martin, $64.15 and $53.20, for stoves, repairs, &c.

Claim of Jordan Stationery Co., of $135.50, for stationery furnished City Comptroller.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Clerk and the City Marshal and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the city treasury, October 23d to 29th, both days included, at $159,906 11.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works as follows:

For a sewer in Hutton street, from 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue.

Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, salaries of Registrar and employes, for month of October, amounting to $1,458 34.

Requesting transfer of $682.43 for the purpose of paying claims.

Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Opinions were received from the Corporation Counsel in the matters of the petition of John A. McGrath for payment of a judgment, and of P. W. Caesar for payment of a lost coupon.

Both opinions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

An opinion of the Corporation Counsel in the matter of the filing of official bonds, was received and ordered filed, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the Clerk of the Board was directed to have recorded in the office of the County Clerk all official bonds in his possession, and to direct the County Clerk to send bill for such service to this Board.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Ten resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nays—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

The same Committee recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for October, 1885, amounting to $1,458.34.

2. For a sewer in Hutton street from 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions they were received and adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the salary list for the month of October, 1885, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of October, 1885, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	100 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
William H. Tuttle	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Publishing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00
L. D. Fowler, revising Assessment maps	125 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00

The same Committee reported on petitions of Wm. J. O'Connell, Frank L. Clark, Robert Armstrong, A. T. Morris, James Reilly, Henry Thompson and Wm. Kern, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of Mrs. Edwards:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Mrs. Edwards for the sum of $8.28, being amount paid twice on lot 3, block 341, No. 347 Grove street, for water rents for the year 1878, as per certificate of Water Registrar.

On petition of B. S. Halsey:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the personal and poll tax assessed to Wm. J. Gregory in the Sixth District block 604 for the years 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880 and 1881, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel the personal and poll tax assessed to J. W. Bigelow, at No. 126 Bergen avenue, lot 53, block 604, for the years 1882 and 1883.

On petition of Mrs. John B. Coles, 3d:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby instructed to change on his books the assessment for taxes against lots 21, 22 and 23, block 282, Eighth street, as follows:

Lot 21, block 282, No. 233 Eighth street, valuation..... $3,500 00
Lot 22, block 282, No. 261 Eighth street, valuation..... 3,000 00

And assess the same to Mrs. John B. Coles, 3d.

Lot 23, block 282, No. 259 Eighth street, valuation..... $3,000 00

to be assessed to Mrs. Wm. F. Coles.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$117.35 to Philip E. Martin, stoves and repairs.

$155.50 to Jordan Stationery Company for stationery furnished to City Comptroller.

$5.00 to R. L. Polk & Co., one copy of State directory.

The ayes and nays having been called upon each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By President Datz:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to communicate with the Board of Public Works, notifying that Board that hereafter no pay roll of employes at Belleville and High Service, exceeding the amount of $3,200 in any one month will be concurred in by this Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of thirty thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general account to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in Hudson County National Bank, to the credit of November, 1885, interest:

On general account.....$31,080 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds..... 42,735 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds..... 42,000 00
On water account..... 31,395 00

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions referred back to the Board the pay rolls of the Board of Public Works remaining in their hands, and on motion of Mr. Hardenbergh they were referred to the Corporation Counsel.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Nov. 5th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition for compromise of assessment were received from Patrick Gallagher, Simpson & Vail, Robert Armstrong and the Hudson City Savings Bank.

Petition of Jerome D. Gillett to have taxes adjusted.

Petition of the Central Avenue Reformed Church to have an assessment adjusted.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Davison & Co. of $12.60 for printing law case Jersey City vs. Edmondson.

Claim of T. C. Brown & Van Anglen of $25.92 for supplies furnished City Marshal.

Claim of Warren & Mahoney of $28.44 for carpenter work in City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, October 30th to November 5th, 1885, both days included to be $121,446.53.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $1,468.64.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $976.73.

3. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of October, 1885.

4. Advertising for proposals for new boilers at Belleville.

5 Six resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and claims reported on petition of John A. McGrath, attorney, for Thomas O'Connor, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John A. McGrath, attorney for Thomas O'Connor, for the sum of $129.19, being amount of judgment and costs recovered by said O'Connor against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in the First District Court.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for construction of a sewer in Griffith street from a point 435 feet west of Summit avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Summit avenue.

2. Authorizing Committee to advertise for proposals for 100 lengths of 6-inch cast iron water pipe

3. Cancelling water rents on Children's Home.

4. Cancelling water rents on property of the Home for Aged Women.

5. Cancelling water rents on property of Christ Hospital.

6. Cancelling water rents of St. Bridget's Home.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Robert Armstrong, the Hudson City Savings Bank, Simpson & Vail and Patrick Gallagher, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, the recommendations were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Warren & Mahoney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $28.44 be paid to Warren & Mahoney for carpenter work at City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special committee consisting of President Datz, and Mr. Hardenbergh, to whom was referred October 29th, 1885, the claim of Jordan Stationery Company of $281 for engraving, printing and binding 200 Jersey City bonds and four warrant books, reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Jordan Stationery Company for the sum of $281 for engraving, printing and binding 200 Jersey City bonds and printing four warrant books.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Datz, Messers Hardenbergh Edelsteen, and Reynolds, Mr. Jordan being excused from voting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Harbenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the vote by which the Clerk of this Board was directed to file all official bonds with the County Clerk be and is hereby reconsidered and the subject matter laid on the table.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Nov. 12th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Henry Gaede, Thomas Roach, James S. Noyes, Alexander Bonnell, estate of John Smith, Mrs. Toms, J. W. Dwight and M. H. Gillett.

Petition of Bedle, Muirhead & McGee, attorneys, for cancellation of an erroneous assessment.

Petition of Elizabeth T. Conkey to have tax sales cancelled.

Petition of Ellen M. Carroll for compromise of taxes and assessments, &c., &c.

Petition of James N. Davis, executor of the estate of Catharine Clayton, deceased, for return of money paid twice on taxes of 1883.

Petition of H. W. Tennhoff for return of money paid in error on taxes of 1884.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $7 55 for messenger service for the month of October, 1885.

Claim of A. J. Witter of $13.50 for repairs to shades, &c., in Comptroller's office.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions for stationery were received from the Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and the City Comptroller, both of which were referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury November 6th to 12th, 1885, both days included, to be $136,874 58.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of Jacob Kornalvieus to have taxes cancelled, advising the Board to grant the relief asked for

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel in the matter of the petition of the Summit Avenue Baptist Church, requesting the cancellation of certain taxes, advising the Board to grant the same.

Both of the above opinions were received, and, together with the subject matters, referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $800 from the account of Salaries to the account of Claims, fiscal year 1884-85

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of $1,000 from the account of Payment of Contractors for Work and Materials to the account of Furniture, Repairs and Gas, fiscal year 1884 85.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $682 43 from the account of Repairs to Public Schools to the account of Public Buildings and Grounds, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1884 85.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works June 8th, 1885.
2. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works June 27th, 1885.
3. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, June 29th, 1885.
4. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 13th, 1885.
5. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, July 20th, 1885.
6. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 17th, 1885.
7. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 31st, 1885.
8. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 2d, 1885.
9. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, September, 14th, 1885.
10. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 1st, 1885.
11. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 5th, 1885.
12. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 15th, 1885.
13. Ordering paid certain claims, adopted by the Board of Public Works October 21st, 1885.
14. Ordering paid certain claims, adopted by the Board of Public Works October 29th, 1885.
15. Ordering paid certain claims, adopted by the Board of Public Works November 5th, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported concurring in the pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $3,139.18.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz. Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported on the following pay-rolls, recommending that they be concurred in,

1. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of April, 1885, for blowing off and repairing hydrants, amounting to $453.12.

2. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of May, 1885, for making repairs to hydrants amounting to $366.92.

The ayes and nays having been called on

each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—President Datz.

The same committee reported on the following pay rolls recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and assessments for the month of July, 1885, for repairs to hydrants amounting to $447.25.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for thawing out hydrants, &c., for the month of March, 1885, amounting to $504.50.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, and Reynolds.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Thomas Roach, James S. Noyes, Alexander Bonnell, estate of John Smith, Mrs. Toms, J. W. Dwight, M. H. Gillett and Henry Gaede for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of James N. Davis, executor for the return of money paid twice on taxes, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of James N. Davis, executor of the estate of Catherine Clayton, deceased, for the sum of $136.97, being amount paid twice on taxes for the year, 1883, on lots part 17 and 18, and lot 18, block 353, and lot part 21 and 22, block 352, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to petition; and further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$12 60 to Davison & Co. for printing law case.

$13.50 to A. J. Witter for repairing shades, &c., in the City Comptroller's office.

$7.55 to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger service during the month of October, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The same Committee reported verbally on claim of John McGuigan of $112.50 for services as acting Marshall of the First District Court during May and June, 1880, recommending that the same be referred to the Corporation Counsel.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Nov. 19th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Henry Fattberg, Archibald McDowell, Robert Donaldson and others requesting the Board to appropriate a sufficient sum to enable the Board of Public Works to purchase a pump to be placed in High Service Pumping Station to provide against accidents by fire and water famine.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of Hudson County Life Insurance Company to be allowed to pay certain tax sales without interest.

Petition of B. F. Halsey to have personal tax cancelled.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Albert Holman, Mary E. Baker, John Garrick, attorney, Louisa Steinbern, C. A. Galbraith, George H. Farrman, James Merity, Patrick McCabe and the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from the City Clerk in reference to the publication in the official newspapers a list of property still unredeemed sold by the corporation of Jersey City August 27, 1883, for unpaid taxes of 1879.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Clerk asking for authority to expend a sum not exceeding $125 for a map case.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $80 for envelopes furnished City Collector's office.

Claim of John A. Blair of $31.20 for disbursements.

Claim of John Boyd of $248.50 for painting halls in City Hall.

Claim of W. G. Crempien of $74.25 for supplies furnished City Marshall.

Claim of Thomas J. Stewart of $12.66 for cleaning carpets.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, November 13th to 19th, 1885, both days included, to be $118,632.72.

Received and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CITY COLLECTOR.

Jersey City, Nov. 18, 1885.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—I hereby certify that the following is the total tax levy for the year 1885, as shown by the footings of the assessors' books:

Dist.	Real Est.	Per. Prop.	Polls,	Total Tax.
1.....	$11,057,755	$2,872,333	$453	$392,611 42
2	10,807,340	671,600	327	335,453 68
3.....	7,541,800	288,800	564	228,655 52
4.... ...	8,827,120	337,750	1,452	269,078 69
5.....	8,952,205	581,800	736	277,807 33
6.... ...	14,486,894	693,850	941	444,218 48
	$61,653,109	$4,946,133	$4,523	$1,947,823 12

Real.....	$61,653,109
Personal	4,946,133
Poll.....	4,523
Total.....	$66,603,765

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of the balance remaining to the credit of the Committe on Salaries to the credit of the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons for the month of November, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess.

The Board re-assembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Fire Commissioners and the Board of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of Contractors to the account of Furniture, Repairs and Gas, Board of Education, fiscal year 1884-85.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $800 from the account of Salaries to the account of Claims, Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1884-85.

The ayes and nayes having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenberg and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Improvement of Sixteenth street from Henderson street to Jersey avenue.

2. Construction of a sewer in Hancock avenue from Congress to South street.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of August 1885, amounting to $540.75.

4. Pay roll Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of September, 1885, amounting to $3,185 62.

5. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of September, 1885, amounting to $700.

6. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1885, amounting to $708.36.

7. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1885, amounting to $455.83.

8. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of Sept., 1885, amounting to $452.75.

10. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, Aug. 31, 1885.

11. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, August 17th, 1885.

12. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, September 14th, 1885.

13. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, October 15th, 1885.

14. Ordering paid certain claims adopted October 27th, 1885.

15. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by

the Board of Public Works, October 29th, 1885.

16. Ordering paid certain claims adopted by the Board of Public Works, November, 5th, 1885

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The same committee reported on the pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of June, 1885, amounting to $813.25 for blowing off hydrants recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee was received and the resolution lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Jordan and Edelstein.

Nays—President Datz and Mr. Hardenbergh.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported the following claims:

$31.20 to John A. Blair for disbursments.

$80 to the Argus for envelopes for City Collector.

$248.50 to John Boyd for painting halls in the City Hall.

$74.25 to W. G. Crempien for supplies for City Marshall.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of ten thousand dollars on account of county tax for the year 1883.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars on account of County tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the official newspapers, for the length of time required by law, a list of property, still unredeemed, sold by the corporation of Jersey City, August 27th, 1883, for unpaid taxes of 1879.

By Mr. Eldestein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of six hundred dollars from the account of the Contingent Fund to the account of Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Board of Finance and Taxation fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, November 24th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting were dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from S. N. Gilchrist, Ida W. Horton, J. W. Wakeman and John T. Jelly.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. Datz of $108 for warrant books furnished City Clerk's office.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $94 19 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $100 for coal delivered at City Hall.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Co. of $12.25 for ice furnished City Hall from October 23 to November 23, 1885.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $20 for postage stamps for City Comptroller's office.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supples.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury Nov. 20th to 24th, 1885, both days included, $51,945 82.

Received and ordered filed.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel:

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of your communication respecting the publication of the list of property sold by the Corporation in 1883 for taxes of 1879, giving notice of the time limited for the redemption thereof, and asking what your duty is in the premises. The charter makes all taxes and assessments assessed upon any lands, tenements or real estate in Jersey City a lien thereon from the time of confirmation, and if any such tax or assessment is not paid and satisfied within the time limited for the payment thereof, the Board of Finance and Taxation is authorized to cause such lands to be sold at public auction for the shortest term for which any person will agree to take the same and pay such tax or assessment; provided, that the land and tenements so sold may be redeemed by the owner or person interested therein, or by any other person in their behalf, within two and a half years after the date of sale, by paying the amount of said tax or assessment, with interest thereon. The charter (section 152) makes it "the duty of the Board of Finance and Taxation to give notice of the expiration of the time limited for the redemption of all lands sold for assessments or taxes by virtue of said act by advertisement," and the third section of the act, approved March 27, 1874, indicates the character of the advertisement and directs that the same shall be published by the City Clerk in the official newspapers once a week for eight weeks next preceding the first day of March in each year, the cost of such advertisement to be a lien upon the property so advertised. I therefore respectfully advise the passage of the resolution before your Board on that subject.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

A communication from the Corporation Counsel enclosing a refunding bond, duly executed and approved, in the matter of the lost warrant, as appears by the petition of Alexander H. Ross.

The communication was received, ordered filed, and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $385 75.

2 Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $115.50.

3 Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $493 33.

4. Improvement of Beacon avenue from Central to Oakland avenue.

5. Improvement of Summit avenue from Academy to Wayne street.

6 Advertising for proposals for cleaning streets and sewers.

7. Fixing salaries of Adam Kupper and John Lynch at $75 per month each.

8. Authorizing purchase of 85 lengths of 6 inch pipe.

9. Twelve resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

10. Authorizing purchase of 50 lengths of 8 inch cast iron water pipe.

11. Awarding contract, for furnishing and delivering about 1,000 lengths of cast iron pipe, to Fox & Drummond at $27 per gross ton of 2,240 pounds.

12. Communication from John Pringle asking that water be placed in Magnolia avenue.

13. Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting that the work of cleaning streets, &c., be transferred to the Committee on Streets.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, November 19th, 1885, to wit.

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation, the Committee on Streets and Sewers be and is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for sweeping and cleaning the streets and removing the ashes and garbage, cleaning sewers and removing the refuse taken therefrom according to specifications, to be prepared by the Committee on Streets and Sewers in conjunction with the Chief Engineer, said specifications to be approved by the Board of Public Works be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received, and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported by resolution the salary list for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $4,098.20, recommending that the same be adopted.

The same committee reported by resolution the pay roll for the extra clerks for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $126 36.

The same committee reported by resolution the pay roll for the extra clerks for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $420.

The same committee reported favorably on the following petitions:

On petition of the Summit Avenue Baptist Church to have taxes cancelled, the property being used for church purposes and exempt by law.

On petition of B. F. Halsey to have personal and poll tax assessed to J. B. Bigelow cancelled of record.

On petition of Elizabeth T. Conkey to have duplicate tax sales cancelled.

On petition of Jacob Keifer to have tax sales cancelled.

On petition of Jacob Kornalvieus to have tax sale cancelled.

On petition of the Hudson County Land and Improvement Co., to be allowed to redeem taxes sold at seven per cent. per annum.

On petition of H. W. Tennhoff for return of money paid twice on taxes of 1884.

On petition of Bedle, Muirhead & McGee to have a duplicate assessment for taxes of 1885 cancelled

On petition of the Central Avenue Reformed Church to have an assessment reduced.

On petitions of John Jelly, George H. Furman, Louisa Steinbern, Albert Halman, Mary E Baker, John Garrick, attorney, C. A. Galbraith, James Merity, Patrick McCabe, Ida W. Horton, S. N. Gilchrist and J. W. Wakeman for compromise of assessments.

The same committee reported on petition of Jerome D Gillett to have taxes and an assessment adjusted, adverse to granting the same.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received, and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of December, 1885, interest:

On General Account	$13,500 00
On General Account to pay interest on assessment bonds	42,000 00
On Water Account	8,680 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the County Collector for the sum of ten thousand dollars on account of county tax for the year 1884.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish in the official newspapers for the length of time required by law a list of property still unredeemed, sold by the Corporation of Jersey City, August 27th, 1883, for unpaid taxes of 1879.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, November 30th, 1885, at 7 30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Monday, Nov. 30, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of the Sisters of Charity to have taxes cancelled.

Petition of Thomas Murphy for cancellation of penalties on tax sales.

Petition of J. P. Durney and John A. Effray for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting that the Board of Finance pay one-half the cost of painting the City Hall.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of $1,000 from the account of claims to a special account for repairs to apparatus.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding contract for a sewer from the intersection of Newark avenue and 8th street, through 8th street to Monmouth, with a branch main sewer running through Brunswick street to 6th street to and connecting with the sewer now built in 6th street at Monmouth street to Patrick J. Condon, he being the lowest bidder.

2. Awarding damages for the opening of Merseles street.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $1,458.34.

4. Six resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1.000 from the account of claims to a special account to be called repairs to apparatus, fiscal year 1885 and '86, Board of Fire Commissioners.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Awarding contract to Patrick J. Condon for the construction of a sewer from the intersection of Newark avenue and Eighth street through Eighth street to Monmouth, with a branch main sewer running though Brunswick street to Sixth street to and connecting with the sewer now built in Sixth street.

2. Awarding to Fox & Drummond contract for iron pipe.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairs to water pipe for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $976.73.

4. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $1,458.34.

5. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water during month of October, 1885, amounting to $115.50.

6. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for repairs to pump, month of October, 1885, amounting to $22.75.

7. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of October, 1885, for repairing and blowing off hydrants, amounting to $385.75, recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nays—Messrs. Reynolds and Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported as follows on pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe during September, 1885, amounting to $1,794.12.

On pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe during the month of October, 1885, amounting to $1,468.64.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Jordan and Edelstein.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of October, 1885, amounting to $493 33

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on the following petitions:

On petition of Jane Evans to have water rents cancelled.

On petition of the Sisters of Charity to have taxes cancelled.

On petitions of Ellen M. Carroll, John A. Effray and J. P. Durney for compromise of assessments.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$12,25 to the Chelsea Ice Co. for ice furnished City Hall from October 23d to November 23d, 1885.

$100 to Carroll & Sweeney for coal delivered at City Hall.

$108 to Albert Datz for warrant books furnished City Clerk.

$20 to the Jordan Stationery Company for postage stamps furnished City Comptroller

$25.92 to T. C. Brown & Van Anglen for supplies furnished City Marshal.

$94.19 to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work in City Hall.

The yeas and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of

the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh :

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $25,000 on account of county taxes for the year 1885.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $290 from the account of claims, legal expenses and judgments to the account of Printing, Stationery and Supplies, Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That in accordance with the proclamation of his Excellency, Leon Abbett, Governor of the State of New Jersey, all the offices under the direction of this Board be closed on Tuesday, December 1st, 1885, until 6 p. m. in respect to the memory of Thomas A. Hendricks, late Vice President of the United States.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr, Edelstein:

Resolved, That this Board hereby agrees to pay one-half the expense of painting the exterior of the City Hall, provided the entire expense does not exceed the sum of $400, and that the work be done under the supervision of the Committee on Public Grounds and Buildings, Board of Aldermen.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $1,095.50 from the Contingent Fund and the sum of $57.74 from the account of Claims, Legal Expenses and Judgments, both to the account of Salaries, Board of Finance and Taxation, fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nays—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Mr. Edelstein presented two resolutions, increasing the salaries of George F. McAneny and John T. M. Kaylar, both of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Dec. 3d, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation from the Citizens' Association of Greenville to attend a dinner on December 9th, 1885.

Received with thanks and the invitation filed.

Petition of Daniel Whalen for the return of money paid twice on taxes of 1873.

Petition of L. S. Andrews for compromise of assessments.

Communication from Hugh Dugan, County Collector, showing the taxes levied against Jersey City for the year 1885 to be as follows:

State School Tax	$164,191.29
County Tax	330,944.44
Total	$495,135.73

Received and ordered filed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $223.96 for map case and maps for City Collector's office.

Claim of Allan L. McDermott of $75.15 for taxed costs in the case of Elmendorf vs. Jersey City.

Both claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Report of D. W. Benjamin, Health Inspector, showing the receipts and disbursements of his office from April 1st to November 30th, 1885.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Controller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury from November 27th to December 3d, 1885, both dates included, at $97,663.40.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer to the month of December, 1885, of the appropriation made for insurance on public buildings fiscal year 1885 and 1886, to pay insurance due December 1st, 1885.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer of $42.88 from the appropriation for public buildings and grounds to the appropriation for salaries fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Fixing the salary of Thomas Trotter at the rate of $100 per month.

2. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $3,062.27.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $42.88 from the account of public buildings and grounds to the account of salaries Board of Public Works fiscal year 1884 and 1885.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the amount appropriated for insurance to the month of December, 1885, for the purpose of paying insurance on public buildings, due December 1st, 1885.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the Committee on Salaries to the credit of the Committee on Station Houses and Prisons, Board of Police Commissioners, fiscal year 1884-1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Daniel Whalen, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $47.56 be paid to Daniel Whalen, being amount paid twice on taxes of 1873, on lot 18, block 185.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Charles H. Scott, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $223.96 be paid to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work in the City Collector's office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan County Collector, for the sum of $10,000 on account of county tax for 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Dec. 10th, 1885, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Mary D. Coster for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Charles G. Galbraith for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Charles Kuhlman for the return of poll tax paid in error, he being a non resident.

Petition of P. F. Campbell to have taxes adjusted.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from the Provident Institution for Savings, A. Zabriskie, John Dickson, Henry M. Rogers and David Hadden.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $21,88 for gas consumed in City Hall from October 23d to November 28th, 1885.

Claim of the Argus of $44.50 for printing manuals, pages 39 to 60, both inclusive.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury December 4th to 10th, 1885, both days included, at $98,-342.06.

The report was received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Frederick P. Budden, Jr., as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Philip Growney and John McLaughlin as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an apportionment of the monies appropriated for the relief of out door poor.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting this Board not to concur in the making of a contract for cleaning the streets.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding contract to Patrick Murphy for improvement of Cottage street from Nelson avenue to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

2. Erection of a stand pipe at High Service.

3. Authorizing committee to advertise for proposals for three new boilers at Belleville.

4. Advertising for cleaning the sewers according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Engineer.

5. Awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets of Jersey City according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Engineer.

6. Authorizing committee to advertise for proposals for a new pump at High Service Pumping Station.

7. Ordering paid certain claims.

8. Pay-roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1885, laying water pipe to the township of Harrison, amounting to $310 32.

9. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $115 50.

10. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $484 75.

11. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $964 13

12. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $509.12.

13. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $324 50.

14. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $543.33.

15. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $601.75.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $2,000 from the appropriation for reconstruction of Streets and Sewers fiscal year 1885, to a special account for the purpose of paying small claims incident to the street and sewer department to be expended in monthly payments of $166.66.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Awarding damages for the opening of Merseles street from Newark avenue to the Centre line of Mill Creek.

2. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported verbally, recommending that the following resolutions be taken from the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions and referred to the Committee of the Whole:

1. Erection of a stand pipe at High Service.

2. Advertising for proposals for three new boilers at Belleville pumping station.

3. Awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets according to plans and specifications on file in the office of the Chief Engineer,

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole reported the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for the erection of a stand pipe at High Service according to specifications.

2. Authorizing Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering three new boilers at Belleville pumping station according to plans and specifications.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolution adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets, &c., &c., of Jersey City, according to plans and specifications, recommending that the same be returned to the Board of Public Works to have the same divided into two separate resolutions.

The recommendation was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of one hundred and fifty two 25-100 dollars, to transfer that amount from Water account to General account, the same having been paid by the General account in error.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board December 3d, 1885, ordering a warrant drawn in favor of Daniel Whelan for $47.56, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded and the City Clerk be directed to cancel said warrant.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the pay roll resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works as presented by the Committee on Streets and Sewers for month of November, 1882, amounting to $1,417.29, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday Dec. 14, 1885, at 7.30 p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Cler.k

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Monday, Dec. 15, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and were they approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Arend Steenken and Chas. Kamlah.

Petition of Mary J. Buckley for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of the estate of Vreeland to have water rents cancelled.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The American District Telegraph Company of $12.74 for messenger service for November, 1885.

Claim of The N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., of $36.25 for rent of instrument and tollage, from April 1st to October 1st, 1885.

Claim of The N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., of $11.65 for rent of instrument and tollage, from October 1st to December 1st, 1885.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corporation Counsel reported on claim of John McGuigan of $112 50 for services as acting Marshal of the First District Court during the months of May and June, 1880, advis- the Board to refuse the payment of the same.

The opinion together with the claim were ordered filed.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding to George F. Swift the contract for cleaning streets and removing garbage, &c., &c.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and claims reported on petition of Robert McMaster, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That bond No. 422, being the bond now held by Robert McMaster, be and is hereby reinstated upon the list of bonds upon which coupons are payable upon maturity and presentation.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurtr in favor of Robert McMaster for the sum of $840, being amount of interest due on Bond No. 422, said warrant to be charged against Contingent Fund of 1885 and 1886, and to be delivered to said Robert McMaster upon the surrender by him of the matured coupons on Bond No. 422, amounting to said sum of $840.

The same committee reported on petition of Dr. George W. Bull, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, George W. Bull has filed with this Board a bond of indemnity for duplicate warrant for interest on five registered bonds of this city, which said interest was due on the first of February, but which original warrant he certifies has never been received; therefore

Resolved, That the City Clerk do deliver to said George W. Bull said duplicate warrant.

The same committee reported on the official bond of Frederick P. Budden, Jr., as constable in the sum of $1,000 with John McLaughlin and Phillip Growney as sureties recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book, and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendation adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $3,062.27.

2. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of November.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for Chief Engineer and employees in Engineering Bureau.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The same committee reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning the streets and removing garbage, recommending that the same be non-concurred in.

The same committee reported on pay roll of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the month of November, 1882, amounting to $1,417.29, recommending that the same be ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Mary Durney, A. Zabriskie, The Provident Institution for Savings, David Hadden, John Dickson, L. S. Andrews and Henry M. Rogers for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of Thomas Murphy to be allowed to pay taxes without interest, adverse to granting the praver of petitioner.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby requested to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City, removing the ashes and garbage according to specifications drawn by and now in the possession of the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to communicate with Architect L. H. Broome in reference to the building of the vault in City Hall and ascertain the reason or cause of delay in the completion of said work.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Thursday, December 17, 1885, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Dec. 17th, 1885, at 8:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from John Doll requesting the Board to concur in his claim for the month of November, 1882, amounting to $14 88.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

Petition of H. Spillman to have an assessment adjusted.

Petition of William McComb to have tax sales cancelled.

Petition of Elizabeth T. Conkey to have an assessment adjusted.

Petition of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to have taxes cancelled.

Petitions for compromise of assesements were received from Franklyn Coles, Thomas Higgins, Margaret O'Brien and Ernest J. Blanc for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported that he had collected to December 17th, 1885, $645 18.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury, December 11th to 17th, 1885, both days included, to be $103,100.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works awarding contract for sweeping and cleaning the streets of Jersey City, and for removing the sweepings, ashes, rubbish, garbage and kitchen swill to George F. Swift.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Alexander H. Ross, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, It has been certified to this Board that a warrant issued to James Coyle on or about December 20th, 1884, for the payment of $202.28, marked and distinguished as warrant No. 269, for coal delivered at Belleville, has been lost in the transmission by mail to one Alexander H. Ross; and

Whereas, Said Coyle has made assignment of said claim to Alexander H. Ross; and

Whereas, Said Ross has filed a bond of indemnity for the purpose of having a duplicate warrant for said amount issued, and has furnished upon said bond endorsement of Delaware and Hudson Canal Company; now therefore, be it

Resolved, That a duplicate warrant be issued to said James Coyle for said lost warrant in the sum of $202 28, the said duplicate to be in all respects a perfect copy of said lost warrant.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Aldermen, requesting an appropriation of moneys reappropriated for the relief of out-door poor, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to reapportion the money appropriated for relief of outdoor poor for the year commencing December 1st, 1885, as follows: December, $2,000; January, $2,000; February, $2,000; March, $2,000; April to November inclusive $500 each month, Board of Aldermen fiscal year 1885-'86.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board December 14, 1885, non-concurring in awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning streets, &c., &c., be and the same is hereby reconsidered.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board December 14th, 1885, to wit:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby requested to advertise for proposals for cleaning the streets of Jersey City, removing the ashes and garbage according to specifications drawn by and now in the possession of the Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works Dec. 17, 1885, to-wit:

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance and Taxation the contract for sweeping and cleaning the streets of Jersey City and for removing the sweepings, ashes and rubbish, garbage and kitchen swill from the same according to the schedule and specifications hereto attached and to be embodied in and made part of said contract, be and is hereby awarded to George F. Swift at the prices named in his bid, to wit: For each and every mile of streets cleaned the sum of twenty-five dollars (25) the specifications and schedule hereto attached giving the names of the streets and fixing the number of times the same are to be cleaned under this contract. For removing ashes and rubbish separate, the sum of $9,000, and for removing garbage and kitchen swill, separately, the sum of $5,000, that being the lowest bid received for doing said work, and that the Corporation Attorney be and is hereby directed to prepare and have properly executed the contract therefor according to the terms of this resolution, be and is hereby concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote.

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

The same committee reported on two resolutions from the Board of Public Works ordering paid certain claims, recommending that they be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committtee on Salaries, Taxes and As-

sessments reported on petitions of Franklyn Coles, Thomas Higgins, Margaret O'Brien and Ernest Blanc for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of William McComb to have tax sales cancelled, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the sales made for taxes of 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879 and 1880 on Lot 17 and 18, Block 6, as per certificate of the City Clerk the said sales are erroneous and should be cancelled.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, Certain bonds of Jersey City, known as the Hamilton Bonds, remain in the hands of parties in the city of New York, and which should properly be delivered to the City Clerk for cancellation; therefore

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to ascertain why said bonds have not been returned to the city and to take the necessary steps thereto.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) on account of county tax for 1885.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of seventeen thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from general account to assessment account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the vote by which the resolution adopted by this board December 14th, 1885, directing the City Clerk to deliver to Geo. W. Bull a duplicate warrant for interest, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution so amended as shall direct the City Comptroller to issue his requisition therefor.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted November 30th, 1885, a resolution for the cancellation of the assessment for taxes of 1885, against lot 16, block 251, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded:

By Mr. Edelstein·

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cite the owners of the following property to appear before the Board of Commissioners of Appeal and show cause why the assessments should not be increased.

Lots 9 and 10, block 310.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet on Monday, December 21, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Dec. 21st, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the City Clerk in relation to the deficiency in election expenses, stating that the sum of $1,026.49 is necessary to complete the payment of the bills incurred.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from L. H. Broome, architect, in reference to building the vault in the City Hall.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of H. Eigenranch for compromise of an assessment,

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Authorising committee to advertise for proposals for a new pump at High Service.

2. Ordering paid miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports, they were received and adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of H. Eigenranch for compromise of an assessment, recommending that the same be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrents be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of January, 1886, interest account as follows:

On general account	$26,407
" " "	26,000
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	31,180
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	30,000
On water account	30,000
" " "	27,315

By Mr, Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby authorized and directed to transfer to the credit of the month of December, 1885, the total amount appropriated by this Board for two upstairs cells in the First Precinct Station House. Board of Police Commissioners, fiscal year, 1885-'86 to pay claims already incurred in building said cells.

By Mr. Jordan,

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted December 10th, 1885, the resolution concurring in the resolution of the Board of Public Works authorizing the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for the erection of a stand pipe at High Service, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, December 28, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Dec. 28th, 1885, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Joseph Beck for cancellation of sales for water rents.

Petition of Summit avenue United Presbyterian Church for cancellation of taxes of 1882 and 1883.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Martin Logan, Attorney, Joseph Beck, F. S. Emmons, Charlotte M. Clark, R. P. Wortendyke and John Garrick, Attorney.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Treasurer for stationery was received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Official bond of Stephen P. Yoe as assistant to the Water Registrar, in the sum of $10,000 with William McAvoy and John S. Edwards as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, December 22nd to 28th, 1885, both days included, to be $64,646 39.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting an extra appropriation to pay the salary of the City Superintendent of Public Schools.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims:

1. Requesting transfer of $1,000 from appropriation for cleaning sewers to an account for repairing engine house No. 3, on Mercer street, fiscal year 1885 and '86.

2. Requesting transfer of $900 from appropriation for cleaning sewers to the account of salaries to pay the salary of the sewer inspector.

3. Requesting transfer of $33.04 from account of incidentals to the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers fiscal year 1884 and '85.

4. Requesting transfer of $1,500 from account of cleaning sewers to account of salaries to pay the salary of the Street Commissioner fiscal year 1885 and '86.

5. Requesting transfer of $20.72 from account of incidentals to account of rebuilding engine house and police station on Webster avenue fiscal year 1884 and '85.

6. Requesting transfer of the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of each month to the next succeeding month fiscal year 1885 and '86.

7. Requesting transfer of $26.58 from account of Public Grounds and Buildings to account of rebuilding new engine house and police station house on Webster avenue fiscal year 1884 and '85.

8. Requesting the Board of Finance and Taxation to fix the amount of bonds to be given by Stephen P. Yoe as Assistant Water Registrar.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Improvement of Webster avenue from Prospect to North street.

2. Improvement of Hancock avenue from Congress to North street.

3. Rescinding resolution for the improvement of a portion of Webster avenue.

4. Fixing the salary of Stephen P. Yoe, as Assistant Water Registrar, at $1,300 per annum.

5. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for December, 1885, amounting to $1,388 34.

6. Pay roll of the Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $568.33.

7. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $1,000 from the account of cleaning sewers fiscal year 1885 and 1886, to an account for repairing engine house No. 3 on Mercer street.

The same committee reported verbally on the official bond of Stephen P. Yoe, as Assistant Water Registrar, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The committee on concurrent resolutions reported on the following resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Fixing the salary of Stephen P. Yoe as assistant Water Registrar at $1,300 per annum.

2. Construction of a sewer in Bleecker street from 50 feet east of Durham avenue to Pierce avenue.

3. Authorizing a contract to supply Bayonne with water for a term of five years.

4. Improvement of Hancock avenue from Congress to North street.

5. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $1,388.34.

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Charlotte M. Clark, R. P. Wortendyke, F. S. Emmons, Joseph B. Beck, John Garrick, attorney, and Martin Logan, attorney, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and

Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$44.50 to The Argus; $12 74 to The American District Telegraph Co.; $21,88 to the J. C. Gas Light Co.; $11.65 to the N. Y, and N. J. Telephone Co., $36 25 to the N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenberg.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the salary of George F. McAneny, Clerk of this Board, be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of $1,500 per annum to date from December 1st, 1885, and to be for services as Clerk of the Board of Finance and Taxation and as Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the salary of John T. M. Kaylar be and the same is hereby fixed at the rate of $1,200 per annum to date from December 1st, 1885, said salary to be in lieu of salary as Clerk to the City Collector and of the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $15,000, to transfer that amount from general account to water account a loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the official bond of Stephen P. Yoe as assistant Water Registrar be and is hereby fixed at $10,000.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn for the payment of salaries for the month of December, 1885, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
William H. Tuttle	83 33
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Publishing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Ellen Bowe	25 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of salaries of the extra clerks for the month of December, 1885, when due, viz.:

John C. Archibald	$70 00
Frederick Closs	70 00
Harry Leibernau	70 00
Julius Jarecki	70 00
William P. Smith	70 00
John W. Wilson	70 00

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in payment of the salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending Dec. 31st, 1885, viz:

Emil E. Datz	$125 00
A. A. Hardenbergh	125 00
John Edelstein	125 00
Thomas D. Jordan	125 00
W. D. Reynolds	125 00

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, January 4th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Monday, January 4, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from L. H, Broome, architect, stating that the vaults in the City Clerk and City Collector's offices are completed and the contractors are entitled to the sum of $705.70.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of John B. Coles requesting return of money paid to redeem taxes.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Michael Rochford, John H. Cook and Christian Poetz,

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $78.30 for advertising notices.

Claim of Henry E. Niblett of $2.74 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of John Boyd of $58 for painting safes and closets.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of L. H. Broome of $40 for services as architect in the erection of vaults in the offices of the City Clerk and City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury December 29th, 1885, to January 6th, 1886, both days included, to be $80,820 96.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller sent to the Board a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the city government, exclusive of water account, for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884, and ending November 30th, 1885.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes,

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer recommending the adoption of the following resolution

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,500 from the account of cleaning streets to the account of salaries to pay the salary of Street Commissioner, to be paid in monthly installments of $125, Board of Public Works fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the pay roll as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairs to hydrants for July, 1885, amounting to $447.25, recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Christian Poetz, Michael Rochford and John H. Cook for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims:

$78 30 to the Evening Journal, $58 to John Boyd, $2 74 to Henry E. Niblett, $75.45 to Allan L. McDermott.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the vote by which was adopted November 30th, 1885, the resolution directing the City Comptroller to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of claims to a special account to be called repairs to apparatus Board of Fire Commissioners fiscal year 1885 and 1886, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $1,000 from the account of claims month of November, 1885, to a special account to be called account for repairs to apparatus same year Board of Fire Commissioners fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved, That the time for the further compromise of assessments be extended to March 1st, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, January 11th, 1886, at 5 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Thursday, January 6th, 1886, at 3 o'cock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

The Clerk read the call which was as follows:

Jersey City, January 5, 1885.

George F. McAneny, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation:

Dear Sir—You will please call a special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation for Thursday, January 7, 1886, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of adopting a resolution to pay to the county the sum of $30,000 on account of county tax for the year 1885.

Very respectfully

E. E. Datz, President.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of thirty thousand dollars on account of county taxes for 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Hardenbergh.

Absent—Messrs. Jordan and Reynolds.

On motion the Board adjourned.

Geo. F. McAneny, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Jan. 11th, 1886, at 5 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Absent—Mr. Reynolds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein and adopted:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Wednesday; January 13th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Wednesday, January 13th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting and the special meeting were dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from T. C. Brown, George Talmage, estate of Pairson, G. L. & A. L. Hewitt, Wm. Madigan, Abraham Collard, Geo. A. Vroom, Mary B. Finley, Hugh McKay and the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Petition of Leah Ann Tanner for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of the estate of Charles G. Sisson for return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of the J. C. Gas Light Co. for cancellation of tax sales.

Petition of the Home for Aged Women for cancellation of taxes.

Petition of St. Michael's Catholic Church for cancellation of tax sales.

All the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of Henry Milford Smith for difference between the old and new assessment.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Company of $22.01 for gas consumed in City Hall from November 28th to December 26th, 1885.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $15.89 for messenger service for the month of December, 1885.

Claim of John Boyd of $15 for painting vaults in City Clerk's and City Collector's offices.

Claim of John Boyd of $200 for painting the front of the City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of the estate of George Vreeland to have water rents cancelled, recommending that the petition be granted.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return you resolutions of the Board of Education referred to me at your meeting of the fourth inst. with my views thereon. The present City Superintendent of Public Schools has been properly elected under the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-three by the Board of Education at an annual salary of twenty-six hundred dollars, several hundred dollars less than the limit fixed by the law, and has been in the actual discharge of the duties of his office for some months. This office being one which the law requires the Board of Education to elect some provision must be made for the payment of his salary. Hitherto sufficient of the State fund appropriated for the payment of teachers salaries and fuel has been devoted to the payment of the salary of the City Superintendent, but my opinion is that the salary of this officer should not be paid out of that fund. The failure of your Board to appropriate any monies for the payment of salaries for the present fiscal year beyond the amount appropriated by the State for the support of public schools, which by express words of the law is to be used only for "teachers salaries and for purchasing fuel," and the City Superintendent not being a teacher within the meaning of the said act, leaves his salary entirely unprovided for. As there is now no power in your Board to make a further appropriation to meet the case there seems to be no means provided, except out of the contingent fund of your Board, and I advise you that there are no legal objections to your paying the same from that fund in the manner requested by the said resolution. While it may be a question whether the said officer was legally bound to take the usual official oath, I am advised that he has voluntarily taken the oath required of other city officials out of deference to the wishes expressed by your Board on the subject and that said oath is now of record.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

January 11th, 1886.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury January 5th to 11th, 1886, both days included to be $53,-113.54.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting that the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish the said Board an opinion in the case of the Morris Canal and Banking Company vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The resolution was received, ordered filed and the Clerk directed to request the Corporation Counsel to report to the Board of Aldermen the status of the said suit.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $1,500 from account of reconstruction of streets and sewers to account of cleaning streets fiscal year 1885 and '86.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Two pay rolls, Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, month of Dec., 1885.
2. Two pay rolls, Committee on Extensions and Distributions, month of Dec., 1885.
3. Two pay rolls, Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for month of Dec., 1885.
4. Increasing the salary of the firemen at Belleville $5 per month, to take effect January 1st, 1886.
5. Resolutions ordering paid miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works, requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $1,500 from the account of Reconstruction of Streets and Sewers to the account of Cleaning Streets, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received, and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Increasing the salaries of the firemen at Belleville $5 per month, to take effect January 1st, 1886.

2. Pay roll resolution as presented by the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, for the month of December, amounting to $3,068 86.

3. Pay-roll resolution as presented by the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments, for shutting off water for the month of December, amounting to $687.75.

4. Five resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of the estate of Pairson, G. L. and A. L. Hewitt, William Madigan, Abraham Collard, Geo. A. Vroom, Mary B Finley, Hugh McKay, Westminster Presbyterian Church, and George Talmage for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported on petition of John B. Coles for the return of money paid on redemption recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John B. Coles for the sum of $14.84, being amount paid to the City Treasurer for the redemption of Lot 4, Block 283, sold for water rents for the year 1867, provided, however, that before the delivery of said warrant the said John B. Coles shall file with the City Clerk a bond of indemnity in the sum of $100 with sureties to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs, Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims.

$15 to John Boyd for painting in city vaults.

$15.89 to the American District Telegraph Co. for messenger service for month of December, 1885.

$22 01 to the United Gas and Improvement Co. for gas used in City Hall from November 28 to December 26, 1885.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above reports they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Boyd for the sum of $200, being the proportionate amount guaranteed by this Board for painting the front of City Hall, and that said warrant be charged to the Contingent Fund, fiscal year 1885 and '86.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

By Mr. Jordan and adopted:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, January 18th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Jan. 18th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of Thomas Murphy to have taxes adjusted.

Petitions of Edward L. Saxton, Joseph McAdoo, John Keegan, C. J. Cronin, agent, and Sarah A. Purcell for compromise of assessments,

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $34 for printing manuals, pages 61 to 77 both inclusive.

Claim of the Argus of $74 for advertising official notices.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Menzies C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal taxes reported that he had collected since the date of his last report the sum of $845.11.

Received and ordered filed.

The City Comptroller reported the total receipts of the City Treasury, January 12th to 18th, 1886, both days included to be $41,931.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $1,388.91.

2. Awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City.

3. Authorizing Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs to advertise for proposals for repairing stand pipe at Belleville at a cost not to exceed $2,500,

4. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for the construction of a sewer in Morris street from Washington to Greene street.

5. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for main sewer in Greenville.

6. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for building branch to main sewer in Greenville.

7. Awarding contract to Michael Mullery for building sewer in Greenville.

8. Awarding contract to Patrick Murphy for the improvement of Laidlaw avenue from Oakland to Central avenue.

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

Resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to fix the amount of bond to be given by the Chief Engineer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolutions from the Board of Public Works requesting transfers recommending that the following transfers be granted:

1. $900 from the account of cleaning sewers to the account of salaries to pay salary of the Sewer Inspector fiscal year 1885 and '86.

2. $26.58 from the account of Public Grounds and Buildings to the account of rebuilding engine house and police station on Webster avenue fiscal year 1884 and '85,

3. $33.04 from the special account for incidentals to the appropriation for reconstruction of street and sewers fiscal year 1884 and '85.

4. $20.72 from the special account for incidentals to the account of rebuilding engine house and police station on Webster avenue fiscal year 1884 and '85.

5, Authorizing the City Comptroller to transfer the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the several accounts each month to the next succeeding month, Board Public Works fiscal year 1885 and '86.

The same Committee reported on petition of John Craven requesting payment of a judgment recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of John Craven for the sum of thirty-three dollars and fifteen cents, being in full payment of a certain judgment obtained against the city in the Second District Court, provided a proper satisfaction of said judgment be filed with the City Clerk before the warrant is delivered.

The same committee reported verbally on the annual statement of the City Comptroller showing the receipts and disbursements of the city government (exclusive of water account) for the fiscal year beginning December 1st, 1884, and ending November 30th, 1885, recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with a request that one thousand copies be printed in pamphlet form.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting this Board to fix the amount of the bond of Chief Engineer, recommending that the amount of the bond be fixed at $50,000.

The same committee reported verbally on the claim of Reehill & Burns, recommending that it be referred to a special committee for investigation.

The President appointed as such committee Mr. Hardenberg.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above reports they were adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Awarding contract to George F. Swift for cleaning sewers and receiving basins in Jersey City.

2. Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for main sewer in Greenville.

3. Awarding contract to Michael Mullery for sewer in Greenville.

4 Awarding contract to Patrick O'Neill for branch of main sewer in Greenville.

5. Four resolutions ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Charles S. Galbraith as follows:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Charles S. Galbraith for the sum of $8.64, being a duplicate payment on lot 14, block 810, on taxes for the year 1885 as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

On petition of Lansing Zabriskie:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Lansing Zabriskie executor for the estate of Charles G. Sisson, deceased, for the sum of $283 10, being a duplicate payment on lots 5½, 5½, 5½, block 347, Grand street, for taxes of 1884, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

On petition of Leah Ann Tanner:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Raymond P. Wortendyke, Attorney for the executrices of the estate of Jacob I. Ferndon for the sum of $6.57 100, being amount paid in error on taxes for the year 1884 on lot 21 A, block 1421, corner of Ocean avenue and First place, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

On petition of the Summit avenue United Presbyterian Church:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the taxes assessed against lots parts 14, 12 and 10, block 221 (old map), for the year 1882, and also the taxes assessed against lots 11, 12 and 13, block 221 (new map), for the year 1883, for the reason that the said property was owned at the time the said taxes were levied by the Summit avenue United Presbyterian Church and was used only for church purposes, and under the State law is exempt from taxation.

The same committee reported on petitions of Sarah A. Purcell, C. J. Cronin, agent T. C. Brown, E. J. Davis, attorney for John Keegan, Edward L. Salton and Joseph McAdoo for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously:

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That pursuant to the request of the Board of Aldermen, this Board sanction an expenditure by said Board of Aldermen of an amount not exceeding $1,026 49 in addition to amount heretofore appropriated for to pay claims incurred in the recent registry and election, and that the City Comptroller be authorized to charge such extra expenditure to general account until the further order of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Whereas, difference of opinion has arisen as to the manner in which the salary of the City Superintendent of Public Schools shall be paid and from what fund the money for the payment of said salary shall be taken; and

Whereas, The Corporation Counsel has advised that there is no legal objection to the payment of said salary by this Board out of the Contingent Fund of this Board; therefore

Resolved, That the salary of the City Superintendent of Public Schools as fixed by the Board of Education be paid out of said Contingent Fund and that the Board of Education be notified of the action of this Board.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns, it will adjourn to meet Monday, January 25th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Jan. 25th, 1886, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Judge Bennington F. Randolph, requesting that the jury room annexed to the First District Court be repainted and repaired.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from George F. Hanks, Christiana B. Lang, Daniel R. Evarts, Sarah Van Saun, Garrett Van Horne and R. Hillier, Son & Co.

All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of The Chelsea Ice Company of $12.25, for ice furnished City Hall from December 23d, 1885, to January 23d, 1886.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $100 for coal delivered at City Hall.

Claim of Kent K. Stearns of $11.52 for taking testimony in the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company vs. Jersey City.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for warrant books.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Official bond of W. W. Ruggles, as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works, in the sum of $50,000, with Henry Lembeck, Richard C. Washburne, Patrick H. Nugent and Valentine L. Lary as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:

1. Appointment of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works.

2. Fixing the salary of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer at $3,000 per annum.

3. Pay roll of the Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1885, amounting to $1,521 68.

4. Resolution ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

On reassembling all the members were present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported verbally the official bond of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works in the sum of $50,000, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $1,521.68.

2. Pay roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $84.50.

3. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments (repairing and blowing off hydrants) month of November, 1885, amounting to $324 50.

4. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs month of November, 1885, amounting to $601.75.

5. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairing and blowing off hydrants month of December, 1885, amounting to $417.62

6. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $1,456.75.

7. Appointment of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works.

8. Fixing the salary of W. W. Ruggles as Chief Engineer of the Board of Public Works at $3,000 per annum.

9. Ordering paid claim of Thomas Cavanagh of $262 for sand.

10. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Daniel R. Evarts, Garrett VanHorne, Chrestiana B. Lang, Sarah Van Saun and George F. Hanks for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the payment of the following claims:

$12.25 to the Chelsea Ice Company for ice furnished offices in City Hall from December 23, 1885, to January 23, 1886.

$100 to Carroll & Sweeney for coal delivered at City Hall.

$11 52 to Kent K. Stearns for taking testimony in the case of the Pennsylvania Railroad vs. Jersey City

$34 to the Argus for printing manuals, pages 61 to 77, both inclusive.

$74 to the Argus for advertising official notices.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Mr. Hardenbergh, a special committee of one appointed at the last regular adjourned meeting to investigate the vaults in the City Clerk's and City Collector's offices, reported that he had examined the same and recommended that iron shutters be placed on the inside of each window and recommended that the claims of Reehill & Burns, contractors, and Lewis H. Broome, architect, be paid.

The report of the committee was received and the committee discharged.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Lewis H. Broome for the sum of $40 for services as architect in supervising the construction of vaults in the City Clerk's and City Collector's offices.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $765.70 be paid to Reehill & Burns, contractors for the construc-

tion and completion of new vaults in the offices of the City Clerk and City Collector.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding $8,333.34 for the purpose of paying claims of contractors on new school house on Danforth avenue, and that temporary loan bonds be issued for said amount with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum for such time not exceeding four years, as the Committee may deem advisable.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be requested to furnish this Board at its next meeting a statement of the present condition of the Contingent Fund.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein, and carried:

Moved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to furnish to this Board his opinion as to whether the fact of the City Superintendent of Public Schools taking the oath of office makes him a city officer, and, if his office could be reduced to the rank of Principal, and his salary paid from the State appropriation.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, February 1st, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall, Friday January 29th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

The clerk read the call for the special meeting, which was as follows:

JERSEY CITY, January, 27, 1886.

George F. McAneny, Esq, Clerk to Board of Finance and Taxation:

Dear Sir—Call a special meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation to be held in the City Hall, Friday January 29th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of ordering warrants drawn for the payment of February interest and also ordering warrants to pay salaries.

Very respectfully,
EMIL E. DATZ, President.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of February, 1886, interest account:

On general account	$20,590 00
" "	20,000 00
On Water account	6,500 00

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of January, 1886, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
William H. Tuttle	83 33
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	53 76
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Publishing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Hanora Lamb	25 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00

The ayes and nays having having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Feb. 1st, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned and special meetings were dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from William Harney & Son to have certain assessments set aside.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Lucy Brooks for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Henry Schilling for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

Petition of Harmon Sell for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisitions were received from the City Clerk and City Comptroller for stationery.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury January 26th to February 1st, 1886, both days included, to be $13,399.23.

Communication from the City Comptroller showing the balance in the Contingent Fund, February 1st, 1886, to be $8,960.

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, February 1st, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation:

GENTLEMEN—I am in receipt of your inquiry as to whether in my opinion the Board of Education has power to reduce the City Superintendent of Public Schools to the rank of a teacher so as to justify his payment out of the State Fund appropriated to the payment of teachers' salaries and fuel. The law under which the City Superintendent of Public Schools is appointed is mandatory and says "that the Board of Education shall elect a City Superintendent of Public Schools," and further defines the specific duties of such officer besides such other duties as the Board of Education shall assign him. The duties imposed upon the City Superintendent by the act conflict with the duties of a teacher and to simply call this officer a teacher leaving him still to perform the duties imposed upon him by law would be only subterfuge. I respectfully advise you that the City Superintendent of Public Schools must remain "City Superintendent" and be paid as such officer under the express requirements of the law.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a re-apportionment of the monies appropriated for armory purposes in such a manner as to enable the Board to expend during the month of February, 1886, the sum of $500,

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $643.33.

2. Authorizing Committee to advertise for proposals for painting building around Stand Pipe at Belleville.

3. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board re-assembled, the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of September, 1885, for laying water pipe, amounting to $1,794.12.

2. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of October,, 1885, for laying water pipe, amounting to $1,468.64.

3 Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of November, 1885, foreman, &c., amounting to $543.33.

4. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $509.12.

6. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairs to water pipe for the month of November, 1885, amounting to $964.13.

7. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $796 37.

8. Pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairing pipe for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $2,215 04.

9. Resolution ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried·

Moved, That the resolution in reference to the payment of salary of the City Superintendent of Public Schools be taken from the table.

By Mr. Hardenbergh and carried:

Moved, That the Clerk be requested to read the resolution.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

Whereas, Differences of opinion have arisen as to the manner in whichthe salary of the City Superintendent of Public Schools shall be paid and from what fund the money for the payment of said salary shall be taken; and

Whereas, The Corporation Counsel has advised that there is no legal objection to the payment of said salary by this Board out of the Contingent Fund of this Board; therefore

Resolved, That the salary of said City Superintentendant of Public Schools as fixed by the Board of Education be paid out of said Contingent Fund, and that the Board of Education be notified of the action of this Board.

Mr. Hardenbergh moved that the resolution be adopted as read.

The ayes and nays having been called on the

above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Corporation Counsel be requested to ascertain and report to this Board as to the title of the city to the basin granted by the State to Jersey City for the perfecting of which title a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars was issued in 1885 by this Board.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That Hon. Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney, and at present member of the Legislature, be instructed to draw a bill for the compromise of taxes long since past due, similar in its provisions to Assembly Bill No. 354, passed by the last Legislature, yet which failed for want of the signature of the Governor, and present the same to the Legislature for its enactment. Provided first, however, that said bill, when drawn, shall be first presented to his Honor the Mayor and the Board of Finance and Taxation for their concurrence therein, it being the sole intent and purpose of said bill to enable the city of Jersey City to so adjust its taxes past due as may give encouragement to the relief of property which is now practically confiscated, and to afford its owners a reasonable opportunity to further improve the same and restore its ratables to an active remuneration for the benefits conferred upon them by municipal government and from which such government may derive its proper income.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board January 25, 1886, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be authorized to borrow a sum not exceeding $8.333 34 for the purpose of paying claims of contractors on new school house on Danforth avenue, and that a temporary loan bond be issued for said amount with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum for such time not exceeding four years as the committee may deem advisable." Be and is hereby rescinded and declared null et void.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the sum of $8.333.34 be borrowed from the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the purpose of paying contractors on new school house on Danforth avenue, to be taken from the fund of 1873, and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk, under the corporate seal of the city, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, payable in three years, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, as an evidence of such indebtedness.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Monday, February 8th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Meeting of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held in the City Hall Monday, February 1st, 1886, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That the sum of $8,333.34 be loaned to the Board of Finance and Taxation for the purpose of paying contractors on new school house on Danforth avenue, to be taken from the Sinking Fund of 1873 and that a bond be executed by the Mayor and City Clerk under the corporate seal of the city payable in three years with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenberg and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Jordan.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Monday, Feb. 8th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Invitation to attend the annual ball of the Schuetzen Corps.

Received and accepted with thanks.

Petition of William M. Force to have taxes adjusted.

Petitions of R. C. Washburne, G. M Marquant, W. H. Babcock, estate of Robert McLaughlin and A. Bonnell for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from James S. Maxwell, requesting that the amount due him on his salary against the city be credited to the payment of taxes on property owned by him.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of N. H. Holt of $8 for rubber stamps, pads, &c.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $15,97 for carpenter work in City Hall.

Claim of Charles H. Scott of $189.17 for map case and labor in City Clerk's office.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $24.14 for gas used in City Hall from Dec. 26th, 1885, to Jan. 30th, 1886.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury Feb. 2d to 8th, 1886, both days inclusive, to be $50,747.23.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector in reference to the receipt of an assessment map for sewer in Griffith street from Summit to Central avenue, amounting to $3,040.

Received and ordered filed.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting an appropriation of $5,000 for the building of a base to support the retaining walls on the easterly side of the Mountain Road.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairs to hydrants month of January, 1886, amounting to $395.60.

2. Pay-roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for shutting off water month of January, 1886, amounting to $605.

3. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for covering and repairing pipe on Hackensack Meadows month of January, 1886, amounting to $586.71.

4. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs month of January, 1886, amounting to $3,132.04.

5. Pay-roll Committee on Extension and Distributions for laying water pipe month of January, 1886, amounting to $1,592.

6. Pay-roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairs to water pipe month of January, 1886, amounting to $1,798.61.

7. Pay-roll Committee on Streets and Sewers (reconstruction) for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $1,129.72.

8. Fixing the salary of the Water Purveyor at $1,500 per annum.

9. Fixing the salary of the laborers on meters at $80 per month.

10. Fixing the salaries of engineers at Belleville and High Service.

11. Ordering paid claim of L. A. Connelly of $125 for damages caused by the bursting of water pipe.

12. Ordering paid claim of A. R. Leeds of $125 00 for six months services as chemist.

13 Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $3,132 04.

2. Pay-roll of the Committee on Streets and Sewers for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $1,388 91.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same Committee reported a resolution ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received and the resolution adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Reynolds and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of R. C. Washburne, G. M. Marquant, W. H. Babcock, estate of Robert McLaughlin, A. Bonnell, for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

On petition of J. Hull Browning:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the duplicate tax assessed against lot 63, block 341, Woodward street, 2d district, the taxes on said property having been paid December 10th, 1885, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

On petition of the Home for Aged Women:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cancel of record on the books in his office the tax for the yeas 1884, assessed against lot 1, block 275 and 280, 5th district, for the reason that the said property is owned by the Home for Aged Women and exempt from taxation.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to charge to the account of the Contingent Fund of the Board of Finance and Taxation the warrant ordered drawn January 25th, 1886, in favor of Reehil & Burns for building

vaults in City Clerks and City Collectors office.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Saturday, February 13th, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

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Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Saturday, February 13th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Robert Donshea of $13.50 for wood delivered at City Hall.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $15.47, for messenger service for the month of January, 1886.

Both the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of all unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the several committees, fiscal year 1884 and 1885, to the credit of the Committee on Furniture, Repairs and Gas, same year.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay-roll Committee on Streets and Sewers (reconstruction) for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $1,129.72.

2. Pay-roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for covering and repairing water pipe on Hackensack meadows month of January, 1886, amounting to $586 71.

3. Improvement of Webster avenue from Prospect to North street.

4 Ordering paid claim of Albert R. Leeds of $125 for six months' service as chemist.

5 Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of E. T. Conkey, Charles Kamlah, Mrs. E C. Cowley, John A. McGrath, Avend Steenken, A. Ingwersen and Harmon Sell for compromise of assessments, recommending that the same be granted.

On petition of Joseph T. Kelly:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph T. Kelly for the sum of $179.42, being amount paid twice on taxes of 1883, on lots 56 and 58, block 100, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition.

On petition of William M. Force:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and requested to change the taxes assessed to William M. Force for the year 1884 as follows: Lots by closing South street, block 129, Dudley street 4 lots, valuation $4,000, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition, the Assessor made an error in assessing Mr. Force for 28 lots, when in reality he only own 4 lots.

On petition of Joseph B. Beck:

Resolved, That the sale made March 13th, 1872, for water rents of 1870, against lot No. 17, block 102, be cancelled for the reason that the property was a vacant lot at the time said rent was charged.

On petition of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company the following amounts in full payment of following named assessments:

Main sewer section "A." 2nd Drainage District, lot Assessor's No. 450, block 525, 1874, $160.

Sewer Bergen avenue, Franklin, Lexington, Newark Plank Road, Jackson to Bergen avenue, lot Assessors No. 12, block 525, 1874, $600.

Widening Bergen avenue from N. Y. and Newark plank road to Union street, lot Assessors No. 52, block 525, 1872, $420.

Improvement Bergen from Newark Plank road to Union street, lot Assessors No. 194, block 525, 1874, $675.

Improvement Hoboken avenue, lots 31 and 33, block 551, 1877, $200.

Sewer in Vreeland street and Pt. Berkley street, lot 7 and 6, block 631, 1871, $600.

Provided all other assessments and taxes due on said property are paid in full with interest and costs, if any, and provided further that said payments are made within 10 days from the date of the passage of this resolution, otherwise the resolution to be null et void and of no effect.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported ordering paid the following claims:

$8 to H. H. Holt for rubber pads.

$24.14 to the United Gas Improvement Co. for gas consumed in City Hall from December 26th, 1885, to January 30th, 1886.

$15 97 to Charles H. Scott for carpenter work in City Hall.

$189.17 to Charles H. Scott for map case and labor in City Clerk's office. Charge Contingent Fund, 1885 and 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenburgh:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to charge to the account of the Contingent Fund of 1885 and '86 the claim of Lewis H. Broome of $40 for services as architect, ordered paid January 25th, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mr. Hardenbergh the matter of the payment of the salary of the City Superintendent of Public Schools was referred to the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Thursday, February 18th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall Thursday, Feb. 18th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Fox & Drummond, requesting payment of claims against the city.

Received and ordered filed.

Petition of Mary A. P. Gordon, requesting payment on a lost interest coupon.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Petition of Dominicus Wegman and William Harriman, to have an assessment adjusted.

Petition of E. Wrede and John H. Heritage, for compromise of assessments.

Received and referred to Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of A. W. Edson, of $433 34, for two months' salary as City Superintendent of Public Schools, months of December, 1885, and January, 1886.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, February 12th to 18th, 1886, both days included, to be $20,935 63.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor, the Mayor

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 18, 1886.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation:

Gentlemen—The Supreme Court to-day held the "Railroad Tax Act" of 1884 unconstitutional, because it imposes a State tax, exclusively upon railroad and canal property. The Court upholds the scheme of assessment by a special State Board, and justifies the valuing of franchises. As the bill was originally drafted and presented to the Special Committee of the Legislature, it avoided the defect now pointed out by the Court. It provided for the very efficient method of assessment of railroads and canals by a State Board of Assessors, but also provided for the taxation of such property at the local rates of the several taxing districts of this State, and the distribution of the tax so raised among such districts, leaving the needs of the State to be met by a general State tax contributed to by such districts. This was such a law as the people demanded, but the railroad owners insisted upon a fixed rate, and the members of the Legislature from localities having little railroad property, were loth to lose their time-abused privilege of exemption from State tax, and therefore a compromise was reached which resulted in the law now declared void.

By the change of a few lines in the act of 1884 equal taxation can be afforded, and the present searching and valuable agency of assessment retained.

The friends of equal taxation will not greatly regret the decision of the court if it shall result in the passage of the law as originally prepared. I do not see how the legislature can refuse to enact such a law. I suggest that you request our representatives in the legislature, and particularly our City Attorney, who holds a seat in the Assembly, to earnestly and vigorously press for equal taxation at the hands of the present legislature.

Very respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor

The communication was received, ordered filed and the Clerk directed to send a copy to Senator Brinkerhoff and to each member of the Assembly from Jersey City requesting their united concurrence in the relief set forth in the said communication.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $2,000 from the appropriation for cleaning sewers in Jersey City to the appropriation for Engineering Bureau fiscal year 1885 and '86.

Resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners requesting transfer of $150 from the months of May, June, July and August to the months of March and April, 1886, Committee on Station Houses and Prisons.

Both the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Enclosing a communication from John P. Daly in reference to the payment of city employees.

2. Fixing salaries of extra clerks at $80 per month.

3. Fixing salary of Charles Conway, janitor, at $75 per month.

4. Fixing the salary of T. J. Carroll at $1,000 per annum.

5. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

6. Resolution requesting transfer of $800 from the appropriation for reconstruction of streets and sewers to Engineering Bureau fiscal year 1885-86.

On motion the Board took a recess for 20 minutes.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $150 from each of the months of May, June, July and August, Committee on Station Houses and Prisons, to the account of the same committee for the months of March and April, fiscal year 1885 86, Board of Police Commissioners.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer all of the unexpended balances remaining to the credit of the several committees to the account of furniture, repairs and gas, Board of Education, fiscal year 1884 and '85.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of A. W. Edson for the sum of $433.34 for services as City Superintendent of Public Schools during the months of December, 1885, and January, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for repairs to hydrants for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $395 50.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and

Assessments for shutting off water month of January, 1886, amounting to $605.

3. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for repairs to water pipe for January, 1886, amounting to $1,798.61.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The same committee reported the pay roll of the Committee on Extensions and Distributions for laying water pipe during the month of January, 1886, amounting to $1,592, recommending that the same be concurred in.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Thomas J. Stewart, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $12.66 be paid to Thomas J. Stewart for cleaning and relaying carpets.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of March, 1886, interest:

On general account	$5,600 00
On general account, to pay interest on assessment bonds	1,592 50
On water account	19,145 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive the amount of any tax due the city of Jersey City, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum per annum, as provided by an act entitled "An act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in cities of this State," approved February 15th, 1886.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from any owner of real estate the amount of any tax due on said real estate which is collectable in his office with interest thereon at the rate of seven per centum, per annum, calculated from the time interest is chargable thereon, and in cases where the said property has been bought at a tax sale by the said City Treasurer, he shall receive the amount of said purchase money adding interest on the original amount of said tax calculated from the day of sale to the day on which it is paid with the actual expenses heretofore incurred, and shall deliver to the person paying said amount a full receipt therefore, and shall report the same to the City Clerk for cancellation of record.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That hereafter the name of A. W. Edson, City Superintendent of Public Schools, be placed on the pay roll of this Board.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, Feb. 25th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Patrick Sheeran, G. G. Newkirk, J. McVicker, W. F. Ford, A. T. McGill and B. B. McDowell.

Petition of Sarah Shelly for cancellation of sale for water rents on vacant property.

Petition of Margaret Tappan for the return of money paid in error on taxes.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Communication from John P. Daly, requesting that all communications sent to the Board be spread in full on the minutes.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from William Bumstead, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city by George F. Swift.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of Anna M. Chedsey for the payment of a lost interest coupon.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Albert Datz of $108.50 for stationery furnished City Clerk and City Comptroller.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $28.75 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of the Jordon Stationery Co. of $27 40 for stationery furnished City Treasurer.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $161 for stationery and warrant books furnished City Clerk.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $14 75 for stationery furnished Corporation Counsel.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $91.25 for printing Comptroller's reports.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co., of $53.50 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Claim of Holland & Beebe of $1 35 for type writing copies of Mayor's message.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler of $7 for advertising official notices.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $25 for coal delivered at City Hall.

Claim of Davidson & Co. of $12 60 for printing law case,

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury February 19th to 25th, 1886, both days included to be $23,875 07.

Received and ordered filed.

M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax, reported that he had collected from the date of last report the sum of $817.23.

Received ordered filed.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel in the matter of the petition of Mary A. P. Gordon for payment of a lost interest coupon stating that the bond tendered to the city as indemnity is not in proper form and offers no resident security.

The communication was received and ordered filed, and the clerk directed to notify petitioner.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel stating that he had examined the rule of discontinuance entered in the attachment suit of O'Rourke vs. White & Drummond, and stated that the Board is free to act on any claims now before them.

Received and ordered filed.

OPINION OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

Jersey City, February 25th, 1886.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance and Tatation:

Gentlemen—I am in receeipt of your resolu- requesting me to ascertain and report to your Board my views as to the title of the city to the basin granted by the State of New Jersey to Jersey City known as the south cove grant.

In answer to that resolution I respectfully advise you as follows: The State of New Jersey, by legislative act approved April 4th, 1872, granted to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in fee simple, so much and such parts of the lands which are now under tide water or were heretofore under tide water of Communipaw Bay, as is described as follows, to wit.:

"Commencing at a point in the centre of Van Vorst street, if extended southerly and distant thirteen hundred (1,300) feet southerly from the southerly line of Grand street, Jersey City, and from thence running westerly and parallel with Grand street one thousand and ninety (1,090) feet; thence northerly at right angles with Grand street eight hundred and ten (810) feet to the centre of Morris street, if extended westerly; thence easterly and parallel with Grand street to the present high water mark on the southwesterly side of the Morris Canal; thence southeasterly along said high water mark to the centre of Van Vorst street; thence southerly through the centre of Van Vorst street, if extended, southerly to the place of begininning," which is the property inquired of by your resolution.

The Legislature, by the same act, granted and established a tide water basin adjacent to the land above described, the southerly line of which basin began at a point in the easterly line of Warren street, if produced, southerly distant eighteen hundred (1,800) feet south of the southerly line of Grand street, and ran thence westerly parallel with Grand street twenty-eight hundred (2,800) feet; and the northerly line of said basin was a line running parallel with Grand street and thirteen hundred (1,300) feet south of the southerly line of said street; and along the southerly line of the above grant to Jersey City, the said basin so established being five hundred (500) feet by twenty-eight hundred (2,800) feet in dimensions.

The said tide water basin was by said act "to be and remain, and the same was thereby dedicated as and for a tide water basin." And it was by said act further declared that the last named provision should "have the effect of a contract, so that the said tide-water basin should be and remain such forever."

The third section of the act granting the above-described property enacted "that for the title hereby conveyed the said city shall pay into the treasury of the State, or give to this State, a bond for such sum of money, and on such terms as to payment and interest as the Board of Riparian Commissioners shall, under all the circumstances of the case * * * * fix and determine as a proper and equitable compensation to the State for such title; and until the giving of such bond or the payment

of such money, said city shall not enter on said lands."

The Board of Riparian Commissioners did by virtue of the power given them by the section of the said Act last above recited in their report dated December 7th, 1872, fix and determine that the City of Jersey City should give to the State of New Jersey a bond for ($1,000) one thousand dollars, payable in one year with interest, as proper compensation for the title to the property so conveyed.

This action of the Board of Riparian Commissioners was accepted by a resolution of the Board of Aldermen of this city, and the said Board (Aldermen) ordered a bond to be issued in accordance with the report of the said Commissioners.

By the opinion of the then City Attorney (Mr. Lewis) the city was advised that the "appropriate" Board to take action in the matter of accepting said grant was the Board of Public Works, and that the bond or bonds to be given to the State as compensation for the said property should be issued by the Board of Finance and Taxation.

No further action was taken in the matter on the part of Jersey City, until the second day of March, 1885, when the Board of Finance and Taxation concurred in a resolution of the Board of Works accepting the above-named grant of property, and authorized the issuing of a bond therefor, in accordance with the determination of the Board of Riparian Commissioners as mentioned in their report of December 7th, 1872.

The Riparian Commissioners at a meeting held September 17th, 1874, after reciting that the city of Jersey City had failed on its part to comply with the terms and conditions as fixed by them for the payment for said grant, and after further reciting that the interest and convenience of the State and of the Riparian owner rendered a change in such tide-water basin above described desirable, fixed and established the line for solid filling for the northerly boundary of said tide-water basin, to be a line beginning at a point in the easterly line of Warren street sixteen hundred feet (1,600) southerly from the southerly line of Grand street, and thence running westerly parallel with Grand street twenty-eight hundred feet (2,800), thus cutting off three hundred feet (300) from the northerly side of said basin. The Riparian Commissioner did also at the same time vacate all the theretofore established tide-water basin lying north of the line then so fixed by them, thus reducing the said basin from five hundred feet (500) to two hundred feet (200) in width; and they did also at said meeting further vacate the grant of all that tract of land ceded and granted to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City by the act of 1872, describing the same by the same metes and bounds as the said property is described in the first section of the act granting the same to Jersey City.

The Riparian Commissioners having thus attempted to vacate the grant of the State to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and to divert the city of the title to the property thereby conveyed, did on the twelfth day (12) of November, A. D. 1874, grant to the Central Railroad Company of New Jersey the said land so originally granted by the State to Jersey City, and three hundred feet (300) from the northerly side of the above established tide-water basin.

The validity of the title of Jersey City to this property depends entirely upon the effect of the action of the Board of Riparian Commissioners. If they had the power to do what they attempted or pretended to do—first to vacate the State grant and then to dispose of the property described in the grant so vacated, the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City have lost all title to the property in question; on the other hand, if the Riparian Commissioners had no power to do what they pretended to do, the title of the said property is still undisturbed in the city of Jersey City.

It must be admitted that the State had the title to the property in question at the time of the grant, with full power to convey it; and that by the act of 1872 the State did convey the title to it to Jersey City. The language of the act is: "that the said State doth hereby grant to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in fee simple so much and such parts of the land, &c.," describing it. The second section enacts: "That the Mayor and Aldermen by their appropriate Board shall have full control and regulation of the basin and wharves and land conveyed to them."

The third section of said act enacts "that for the title hereby conveyed the said city shall pay," &c, * * * "and until the giving of such bond or the payment of such money the said city shall not enter on said land," &c.

The sixth section of said act directed the Board of Riparian Commissioners to file a map and description of said lands in the office of Secretary of State of this State and also in the office of the Clerk of the County of Hudson —"and said map and description or duly certified copies thereof shall be full and plenary evidence of the title under this act of the city to the lands so described and granted to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City of the first section of this act."

There can be no doubt that Jersey City by force of this grant became vested with the absolute title to the property in question, and that necessarily the State parted with all her interest in the same, by such conveyance. The only condition or limitation apparent in the grant is that the right of the city to enter and take possession of the premises is limited to the time of payment therefore. The city got the title without the use of the property until it was paid for * * * The State has taken no action on the subject looking to a revocation of its said grant, and therefor we must conclude that the city has still the title to it unless that title was divested by the action of the Board of Riparian Commissioners.

The Riparian Commissioners are created by the Legislature and have only such powers as the statue gives them. They are simply the agents of the State with limited control over the shore property of the State. When the State by its own act divests itself of its own property, it by so doing put such property beyond the reach, control or regulation of the Riparian Commissioners.

Until we are ready to accede to the novel legal proposition that an agent has power to undo and annul the deliberate acts of his principal, we must maintain that the Riparian Commissioners are subject to, and without power to override an action which the State (Legislature) may take. The action of the Riparian Commissioners in this matter was taken in 1874, under the supplement of 1872, to the act of 1864.

The original act of 1864, and the supplement of 1869, limited the powers of the Board to the control and disposition of such riparian lands as had not then been granted by the State. The supplement of 1872, under which the Commissioner acted in the case, gave them power to change, fix and establish lines other than those then fixed for piers and solid filling and to make changes in basins already estab-

lished, or to fix and establish new basins and to file maps and surveys of the lines so changed and the basins so changed or established by them under such act. These changes could simply carry the lines further out in the bay, or fix them nearer the shore, and thus give the Riparian owner more or less area for solid filling without in any degree disturbing his title; and the change of basin was simply an alteration of the water area devoted to the public either with or without compensation for the use thereof. There is nothing in the act giving the Riparian Commissioners the power to prejudice a public dedication which the State had then made, and to which it had given the force of a contract, or to vacate a solemn grant made by legislative act nor to reconvey an estate which was then vested in any grantee by the deliberate act of the State that could only be done by the State itself in as solemn and deliberate a manner as the title had been vested. My opinion thereupon is that the grant of the Legislature in 1872 vested title to the property in question in the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and that the State having taken no action to revoke said grants the title is still in the city of Jersey City; that the Riparian acts gave the Riparian Commission no power to vacate said grant, nor to convey the said property to the Central Railroad Company, and their action with respect thereto did not affect the validity of the title of the city to the premises referred to in your resolutions.

I would respectfully suggest that the value of this property and the growing demand for its use by the city would justify immediate action for its possession.

Very respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The opinion was received and ordered filed and the Corporation Counsel instructed to take the necessary steps to secure a proper title.

Communication from his Honor, the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 25, 1886.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

GENTLEMEN—I return without my approval your resolution passed under authority of "An act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in cities of this State," approved Feb. 9th, 1886, whereby you authorize the Collector and Treasurer to receive arrears of taxes with interest at the rate of seven per cent. instead of the statutary penalties. Although I have been adverse to reducing the interest on arrears of taxes in any case I had not intended to disapprove any action of your Honorable Body in that regard as the matter was fully discussed last year and I should have submitted to your judgment, but on an examination of the statute you are acting under I feel constrained to request your further consideration thereof. You, doubtless, were under the impression when you passed the resolution that the new act then just in force was similar to the previous statutes which have been passed from year to year, but such is not the case. It is much broader than any which has ever been passed before and unlike all its predecessors, is unlimited in duration. Previous acts gave the privilege of payment at reduced interest for one year only. This act has no limit, and if we once come under it we can never restore the penalties nor can we ever impose any greater penalty for future delay, however great, on present arrears of taxes than seven per cent. Furthermore, if the act once goes in force interest is collectable on assessments as well as taxes only at seven per cent. I fear we would be placing too great a premium on delay in payment of both taxes and assessments. Even the taxes of 1885 are included as payable at seven per cent. up to next May, after which they will bear ten per cent. All taxes hereafter levied will be payable at only seven per cent. interest for six months after they are due, and although they will then bear ten per cent. the act is ambiguous in that it provides that such rate of ten per cent. shall continue up to the date of sale of the property for taxes, and has no provision whatever for any interest after that time. Another trouble with the act is that it is impossible to tell what date is meant in the first section by "the time is properly chargeable," that is whether it means the date the taxes became due or in case of sales the date of sale. I think it will be dangerous for the city to bring itself within this act, and that it would be wiser to wait until the passage of a bill just introduced, which is precisely similiar to the one of last year, shall become a law, as I have no doubt it will.

Very respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer of the unexpended balance appropriated for the purchase of hose to an account for the repairs to engine No. 6, fiscal year 1885 and '86.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer from several Committees to the Committee on Furniture, Repairs and Gas.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer of the balance remaining to the appropriation for building the new school No. 20 to the account of furnishing the same.

All the above resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Awarding damages for the opening, &c., of Noble street.

2. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for sewer in Hutton street from 100 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue.

3. Awarding contract to Theodore Smith & Bro. for three tubular boilers at Belleville at a cost not to exceed $5,790.

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for 20 minutes.

The Board reassembled—all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $2,000 from the account of reconstruction of streets and sewers to a special account for the purpose of paying small claims incidental to the streets and sewer department, Board of Public Works, fiscal year 1885-86.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Jordan.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they following resolutions be concurred in.

1. Awarding contract to Myles Tierney for sewer in Morris street from Washington to Greene streets.

2. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of December, 1885, amounting to $568 33.

3. Pay roll Committee on Extensions and Distributions for the month of January, 1886, amounting to $643.33.

4 Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported the salary list for the month of February, as follows:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries for the month of February, 1886, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
William H. Tuttle	83 33
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 66
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00
Publishing Minutes—	
The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33
Cleaning rooms in City Hall—	
Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Honora Lamb	25 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00
A. W. Edson, City Superintendent of Public Schools	216 66

The same committee reported on petition of Henry Spillner as follows:

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to reduce the assessment on lot 203, block 747, for the improvement of Hutton street, between Palisade and Central avenues from $8 to $6.

The same committee reported on petition of A. T. McGill, B. B. McDowall, W. F. Ford, J. McViker, J. H. Heritage, Patrick Sheeran, G. G. Newkirk, and G. Wrede for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of twenty thousand dollars on account of county tax for the year 1886.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty five thousand dollars, to transfer that amount from General account to Water account as a loan.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That the time for compromise of assessments be extended to May 1st, 1886.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 4th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion of Mr. Edelstein the reading of the minutes of the last regular adjourned meeting was dispensed with and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from Hepe, Kovern & Co, in reference to the dangerous condition of the wall at Mountain Road.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Garrison & Son addressed to Otto W. Meyer, Chairman of the Hospital Committee of the Board of Police Commissioners in reference to the purchase of a certain tract of land adjoining the Charity Hospital.

Received and referred to a special committee consisting of Messrs. Reynolds and Edelstein.

Petition of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York to have interest on water rents adjusted.

Received and referred to the Board of Public Works.

Petition of John Wood for return of money paid in error on water rents.

Petition of the Provident Institution for Savings, J. C. Braun, Herman Kopf, Eliza Wallace and the Mutual Life Insurance Company for compromise of assessments.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Evening Journal Association of $2,794.80 for publishing redemption notices.

Claim of the Sunday Tattler of $2,794.80 for advertising redemption sales.

Claim of the Jersey City Herald of $2,794.80 for advertising redemption sales.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Itemized requisition from the City Clerk for redemption notices.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies, with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the city treasury, February 26 to March 4, 1886, both days included to be $12,187,46.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Corporation Counsel recommending that the Board pay the judgment obtained by George F. Swift against The Mayor and Aldermen.

The opinion was received, ordered filed and the subject matter referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the Corporation Counsel in the matter of the bond of indemnity given by Anna M. Chedsey for the payment of a lost coupon, stating that the bond should have been drawn to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

Official bond of Frederick J. Mersheimer as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with George Sunkle and Charles C. Kramer as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Communication from the City Collector stating that he had received in his office for collection the assessment map for the improvement of Linden avenue from Bergen to the Central Railroad of New Jersey, amounting to $13,372.

The communication was received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay Roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs, month of February, 1886, amounting to $3,120.65.

2. Pay Roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of February, 1886, amounting to $1,560.01.

3. Awarding contract to H. R. Worthington for furnishing, delivering and erecting one compound condensing engine at the price named in his proposal, viz., $28,750.

4 Fixing the salary of Thomas Quinn, tapper's helper at $75 per month, to date from March 1, 1886.

5. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, the following members present:

President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the judgment obtained against the city by George F. Swift, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William G. Bumstead, attorney for George F. Swift for the sum of $1,482.32, being amount of judgment and costs recovered in the Hudson County Circuit Court, in the suit wherein George F. Swift was plaintiff, and the Mayor and Aldermen defendants, said warrant not to be delivered until a proper satisfaction of said judgment be filed with the City Clerk.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Pay roll of the Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of February, 1886, amounting to $3,120.65.

2. Awarding contract to Michael Shannon for the improvement of Summit avenue from Academy to Wayne street.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of Lucy A. Brooks for the correction of records, return of money paid in error, &c., &c., recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sale made August 25th, 1879, to the City Treasurer for taxes of 1872, of eleven lots on Danforth avenue, in the name of John Kennel, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk for the reason that the property was twice assessed; and be it further

Resolved, That $21.89 be paid to L. A. Brooks to refund moneys erroneously paid in redemption from sale for taxes of 1872, lots 24, F, G and H., blk. 1366; and that $34 83 be paid to Henry Puster to refund moneys erroneously paid in redemption from same sale of lots 23 A, B and 24 C and D, same block, the warrants for said payments to be delivered upon the surrender of the redemption certificates.

The same Committee reported on petitions of Eliza Wallace, Herman Kopf, J. C. Braunn, the Provident Institution for Savings and the Mutual Life Insurance Co., for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the payment of the following claims: $13.50 to Robert Donshea for wood; $108.50 to Albert Datz for stationery; $25 to Carroll & Sweeney for coal; $1.35 to Holland & Beebe; $7 to the Sunday Tattler for advertising; $12 60 to Davidson & Co. for printing; $15.47 to the American District Telegraph Company for messenger service during the month of January; $91.25 to Jordan Stationery Co. for Comptroller's report; $27.40 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery furnished City Treasurer's office; $28.75 and $53 30 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery; $14.75 to Jordan Stationery Co. for stationery for Corporation Counsel.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved, That the veto of His Honor, the Mayor, "on the resolution authorizing the City Collector and City Treasurer to receive arrears of taxes with interest at the rate of seven per cent.," be taken from the table and read.

The Clerk read the veto, which was as follows:

JERSEY CITY, Feb. 25, 1886

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I return without my approval your resolution passed under authority of "An act relative to interest on arrears of taxes and assessments in cities of this State," approved Feb. 9th, 1886, whereby you authorize the Collector and Treasurer to receive arrears of taxes with interest at the rate of seven per cent. instead of the statutary penalties. Although I have been adverse to reducing the interest on arrears of taxes in any case I had not intended to disapprove any action of your Honorable Body in that regard as the matter was fully discussed last year and I should have submitted to your judgment, but on an examination of the statute you are acting under I feel constrained to request your further consideration thereof. You, doubtless, were under the impression when you passed the resolution that the new act then just in force was similar to the previous statutes which have been passed from year to year, but such is not the case. It is much broader than any which has ever been passed before and unlike all its predecessors, is unlimited in duration. Previous acts gave the privilege of payment at reduced interest for one year only. This act has no limit, and if we once come under it we can never restore the penalties nor can we ever impose any greater penalty for future delay, however great, on present arrears of taxes than seven per cent. Furthermore, if the act once goes in force interest is collectable on assessments as well as taxes only at seven per cent. I fear we would be placing too great a premium on delay in payment of both taxes and assessments. Even the taxes of 1885 are included as payable at seven per cent. up to next May, after which they will bear ten per cent. All taxes hereafter levied will be payable at only seven per cent. interest for six months after they are due, and although they will then bear ten per cent. the act is ambiguous in that it provides that such rate of ten per cent. shall continue up to the date of sale of the property for taxes, and has no provision whatever for any interest after that time. Another trouble with the act is that it is impossible to tell what date is meant in the first section by "the time is properly chargeable," that is whether it means the date the taxes became due or in case of sales the date of sale. I think it will be dangerous for the city to bring itself within this act, and that it would be wiser to wait until the passage of a bill just introduced, which is precisely similar to the one of last year, shall become a law, as I have no doubt it will. Very respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved, That the resolution do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of His Honor, the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—None.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this Board that Henry Boucher, a former clerk in the employ of the Board of Public Works and assigned to duty in the Water Department has been guilty of irregularities; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be requested to cause a searching investigation to be made in relation to the alleged charges against said Henry Boucher, and report the result of such investigation to this Board.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the Board of Public Works be and they are hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding $495 in tearing down that section of the wall at the side of the Mountain Road reported to be in a dangerous condition, such work to be done under the supervision of the Chief Engineer, and that payment under this resolution be made from the Contingent Fund of this Board.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to notify the several Assessors to hand in at the next meeting of the Board of Appeals, reports upon all applications which are now in their hands.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That the regular meetings of this Board be held on Thursday evening of each week instead of Wednesday, as heretorore, and that the Clerk be directed to notify the various Boards constituting the City Government of the change.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Hardenbergh.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 11th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present — President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of O. H. Sanderson for cancellation of an assessment.

Petitions of Charles Offerman and Harriett Pratt for compromise of assessment.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Argus of $48 for printing manuals, pages 78 to 101.

Claim of the United Gas Improvement Company of $18.88 for gas consumed in City Hall from January 30th to February 28th, 1886.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Company of $20.81 for messenger service during month of February, 1886.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Claim of the Argus of $2,794.80 for publishing redemption sales.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Comptroller for one desk.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury March 5th to 11th, 1886, both days included, to be $13,988,37.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from his Honor the Mayor:

JERSEY CITY, March 11, 1886.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

GENTLEMEN—I herewith return without my approval the resolution passed at your last meeting authorizing the Board of Public Works to expend $450 in taking down a portion of a dangerous wall on the Mountain Road, the same to be paid out of the contingent fund appropriated by your Board for the current fiscal year. I think that the contingent fund can only be used to meet an unexpected demand for which no provision has been made, and where there is no other appropriation out of which the expenditure can properly be made. Work of the character mentioned in the resolution is directly within the ordinary appropriation of the Board of Public Works for reconstruction of streets and sewers.

Very respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS, Mayor.

The communication was received and laid on the table.

Resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting a further appropriation of a sum not exceeding $4,000 for the liquidation of outstanding claims of 1885 for the relief of outdoor poor, as authorized and provided for by an act of the Legislature, approved March 1st, 1886.

The resolution was, on motion, referred to a committee, consisting of President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

On motion, the Board took a recess of twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled. The following members present: President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported the official bond of Frederick J. Mersheimer as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Charles C. Kramer and George Gunkle as sureties, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book, and ordered filed.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Fire Commissioners requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby instructed to transfer the sum of $379.50 from the account of hose to an account for the repairs to Engine No. 6, Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1885-1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the Committee was received, and the resolution and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Charles F. Offerman and Harriett Pratt for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The same committee reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:

On petition of Mary L. Coster:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Mary L. Coster for the sum of twenty-three dollars and ninety-four cents ($23.94), being amount paid in error on lot 29, block 319, No. 2 for the taxes of 1871. The property being owned and the taxes for said year paid by the estate of Sisson as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

On petition of Sarah Shelley:

Resolved, That the sale made to the City Treasurer, March 13, 1872, for water rents of 1868, of lot 15, block 435, be cancelled of record by the City Clerk the water rents for said year having been paid June 8th, 1868, and the sale erroneously made.

On petition of Henry Schilling:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Schilling for the sum of $14 60, being amount paid twice on lots 15 and 16, block 1336, on taxes for the year 1885, as per certificate of the City Collector attached to the petition, and be it further

Resolved, That the City Collector be notified.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenberg:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn

upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of ten thousand dollars to transfer that amount from General Account to Water Account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars to transfer that amount from Assessment Account to General Account to return part of loan.

By Mr. Jordan:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted March 4th, 1886, by which the resolution adopted by the Board of Public Works, March 1st, 1886, ordering paid $275 to John Boyd was concurred in be and the same is hereby reconsidered and the resolution rescinded.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted by the following vote;

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 18th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed in manual form.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Frank Pratt, Jacob Skillman, Mary Evers, Henry Eigenrauch and Thomas A. Lane.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $45 for coal.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the City Treasurer for one blotter.

Received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies with power.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury, March 12th to 18th, 1886, both days included, to be $20,563 39.

Received and ordered filed.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for cleaning screens, etc., for the month of February, 1886, amounting to $37.50.

2. Pay roll Committee on Streets and Sewers (reconstruction) for the month of February, 1886, amounting to $1,078.34.

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that the following resolutions be concurred in:

1. Ordering paid claim of John Boyd of $275 for painting fence at High Service.

2. Resolution ordering paid certain miscellaneous claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Thomas A. Lane, Frank Pratt, Jacob Skillman, Mary Evers and Henry Eigenrauch for compromise of Assessments, recommending that the same be granted.

On petition of Claude Choffanyon:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Claude Choffanyon for the sum of two hundred and ninety five 18-100 dollars, being amount paid twice on lots 196 to 202 inclusive, block 871, for taxes of 1884, and the City Collector be notified.

On petition of O. H. Sanderson:

Whereas, At the February Term 1877, of the Supreme Court of this State the assessment for the improvement of Clinton avenue, from Jackson to Ocean, confirmed January 20, 1871, against lots Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7, block 512, was set aside on certiorari, and though over nine years have elapsed from that time no reassessment therefor has yet been laid; and

Whereas, The whole of said original assessment has otherwise been paid and the owner of said premises offering to pay to the city the sum of seventy-five dollars in full settlement of any claim the city might have against the said premises by reason of said improvement in anywise, and after taking into consideration the cost of laying a new assessment against said premises for said improvement, and believing it to be advisable to settle, adjust and compromise the same; therefore

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to receive from O. H. Sanderson or his legal representative the sum of seventy-five dollars in full satisfaction and discharge of any and all claims that the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City have or claim to have against lots 4, 5, 6, and 7, in block 512, by reason of the improvement of Clinton avenue from Jackson to Ocean avenue as aforesaid, and to give a proper receipt therefor and that a memorandum be made by him in the matter upon the proper records in his office.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Jordan, and carried:

Moved, That the communication from his Honor the Mayor, vetoeing the resolution authorizing the expenditure of $495 in taking down a portion of the dangerous wall on the Mountain Road, be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

The Clerk read as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City:

Gentlemen—I herewith return without my approval the resolution passed at your last meeting authorizing the Board of Public Works to expend $495 in taking down a portion of a dangerous wall on the Mountain Road the same to be paid out of the Contingent Fund appropriated by your Board for the current fiscal year. I think that contingent fund can only be used to meet an unexpected demand for which no provision has been made and where there is no other appropriation out of which the expenditure can properly be made work of the character mentioned in the resolution is directly within the ordinary appropriation of the Board of Public Works for reconstruction of streets and sewers.

Yours respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS,
Mayor.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved, That the communication be laid over for one week.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nays—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Claims be and are hereby authorized to advertise for proposals for $325,000 of five per cent. water bonds.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That this Board do now proceed to the election of Assessors for one year, commencing April 7th, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—Mr. Edelstein.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, March 25th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from Thomas McRae, Henry Taylor, L. W. Booream, James Gannon and Thomas Betts.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Chelsea Ice Co. of $12.25 for ice furnished City Hall from February 22d to March 22d, 1886.

Claim of the Argus of $12 for advertising.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $73.75 for stationery, &c.

Claim of A. Datz of $6 for printing for City Clerk's office.

Claim of A. Datz of $22.50 for one blotter for City Treasurer's office.

Claim of Davison & Co. of $12.40 for printing law cases.

Claim of A. Datz of $32.25 for stationery furnished office of the Board of Finance and Taxtion.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Official bond of Thomas Kelly as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Michael O'Rourke and Patrick Meehan as sureties.

Official bond of William Thompson as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Abram Post and George Blakey as sureties.

Official bond of John F. Mullery as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Martin Mulry and Richard Gormley as sureties.

Official bond of Patrick Long as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Martin Bosquett and Phillip Tully as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Bond of Indemnity presented by William B. Crosby in the sum of $420 for the payment of lost coupons.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury March 19th to 25th, 1886, both days included, to be $16,976.23.

The City Collector reported the receipts in his office of the following assessment maps for collection:

Opening of Merseles street.....	$762 50
Changing grade of Montgomery street.	235 00
Sewer in Palisade avenue.....	5,362 50

Both the above reports were received and ordered filed.

Communication from the Board of Public Works enclosing a complaint made by Hepe. Koven & Co, in reference to the dangerous condition of the wall on the Mountain Road.

Received and referred to a special committee consisting of President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Reynolds.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Ordering paid claim of W. S. Weed of $150 for services as foreman for re-covering water pipe on Hackensack meadows for the months of December, 1885, and February, 1886.

2. Authorizing the Committee to advertise for repairing the wall on Mountain Road, cost not to exceed $4,000.

3. Awarding contract to F. P. Budden for the improvement of Morris street, from Washington to Greene street.

4. Awarding contract to John McLaughlin for improvement of Pearsall avenue, from Old Bergen road to Bergen avenue.

5. Authorizing Committee to advertise for proposals for furnishing and delivering about 9,500 tons of anthracite coal at Belleville and High Service.

6. Fixing the salary of R. Schmalfelt, Assistant Water Purveyor, at $1,000 per annum.

7. Improvement of New York avenue, from South to North street.

8. Requesting that the sum of $35,000 be placed in the next tax levy to pay fer new engine at High Service and three new boilers at Belleville.

9. Two pay rolls of the Committee on Water Raees and Assessments for the month of February, 1886.

10. Three pay rolls of the Committee on Extentions and Distribntions for the month of February, 1886.

11. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

On motion, the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works recommending that they be concurred in.

1. Ordering paid $125 to L. A. Connolly & Bro., for damages sustained by them by the bursting of a water pipe on Grand street.

2. Awarding contract to John McLaughlin for the improvement of Pearsall avenue, from Old Bergen Road to Bergen avenue.

3. Awarding contract to Patrick Murphy for the improvement of Cottage street from Nelson avenue to the Pennsylvania Railroad.

4. Awarding damages for the opening of Noble street.

5. Awarding contract to E. O'Donnell for the improvement of Beacon avenue from Central to Oakland avenues.

6. Widening of Pavonia avenue from Chestnut to Newark avenues.

7. Three resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of Thomas Betts, Henry Taylor, James Gannon, Thomas McRae and L. A. Booream for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported on claim of Carroll & Sweeney, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of $45 be paid to Carroll & Sweeney for coal delivered at City Hall.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole to whom was referred the claims of the official newspapers for advertising redemption notices arose and made the following report to the Board:

Your Committee of the Whole to whom was referred March 4th, 1886, the claims of the official newspapers for advertising expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1879, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions on claim of the Evening Journal Association.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Evening Journal Association for the sum of $2,794.80 for advertising notice of expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1879.

On claim of the Argus Publishing Company:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Argus Publishing Company for the sum of $2,794.80 for advertising notice of expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1879.

On claim of the Sunday Tattle:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Sunday Tattler for the sum of $2,794.80 for advertising notice of expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for taxes of 1879.

On claim of the Jersey City Herald:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Jersey City Herald for the sum of $2,794.80 for advertising notice of expiration of time allowed for the redemption of lands sold for unpaid taxes of 1879.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of twenty five thousand dollars to transfer that amount from general to water account as a loan.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer as follows, to be deposited in the Hudson County National Bank to the credit of April, 1886, interest account.

On general account	$23,070 00
" "	23,000 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	16,065 00
On Water account	14,000 00
" " "	14,000 00

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive from any owner of real estate the amount of any tax due on said real estate which is collectable in his office, with interest thereon at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, calculated from the time interest is chargeable thereon, and in cases where the said property has been bought at a tax sale by the said City Treasurer, to receive the amount of said purchase money, adding interest on the original amount of said tax, calculated from the day of sale to the day on which it is paid, with the actual expenses theretofore incurred, and shall deliver to the person paying said amount a full receipt therefor, and shall report the same to the City Clerk for cancellation of record.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature, entitled "An Act relative to the payment of arrears of taxes and assessments and the interest thereon in incorporated cities," approved March 22d, 1886, the City Collector be and he is hereby authorized and directed to receive the amount of any tax or assessment due upon any real estate in this city laid or imposed prior to the year 1885, and now remaining upaid, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, said interest to be calculated from the time interest is properly chargeable thereon to the time of such payment, together with the actual expenses theretofore incurred for the enforcement and payment of said taxes or assessments, provided however that this resolution shall not be construed to authorize the receipt of any such taxes or assessments at such rate of interest in cases where lands and real estate have been sold for taxes or assessments and bought in by any person other than the City of Jersey City or some officer for the use of such city.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Timothy C. Long, City Marshall, for the sum of $250, being in full for services rendered to the Board of Commissioners of Appeal in cases of taxation. Said warrant to be charged to the Contingent Fund of 1885 and '86 and to be in full compensation for all services to the Board of Finance and Taxation.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn in payment of salaries for the month of March, 1886, when due, viz:

Gilbert Collins, Mayor	$166 66
Thomas Earle, City Treasurer	200 00
S. D. Dickinson, City Comptroller	200 00
James H. Love, City Collector	200 00
John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel	333 33
Roderick B. Seymour, Corporation Attorney	150 00
George F. McAneny, Clerk to the Board of Finance and Taxation	125 00
Isaac Morrow, Jr., Clerk to Treasurer	100 00
George R. Hough, Clerk to Comptroller	100 00
Andrew D. Whyte, Assistant Collector	110 00
Clerks to Collector:—	
John T. M. Kaylar	100 00
William H. Tuttle	83 33
Charles Krebs	70 00
Harry F. Halsey	70 00
William Ely	70 00
Lewis E. Smith	70 00
John Wandle	70 00
Peter F. Buckalew, Messenger	60 00
Charles H. Westervelt, Clerk to Comptroller	70 00
M. C. Cleveland, agent for the collection of arrears of personal tax	75 00
William H. Jones, Marshal 2d District Court	50 00
Clerks to City Clerk—	
Thomas K. Halstead	75 00
N. E. Feury	75 00
R. L. Hudson	66 66
Jarvis P. Wanser	66 60
Assessors—	
Patrick H. O'Neil, 1st District	125 00
Michael J. O'Rourke, 2d District	125 00
John C. Robbins, 3d District	125 00
Albert B. Dayton, 4th District	125 00
David W. Lawrence, 5th District	125 00
Alfred Van Winkle, 6th District	125 00

Publishing Minutes—

The Argus	208 33
The Evening Journal	208 33

Cleaning rooms in City Hall—

Bridget Parker	25 00
Elizabeth Lynch	25 00
Honora Lamb	25 00
James Clark, messenger to City Clerk	30 00
A. W. Edson, City Superintendent of Public Schools	216 66

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for the payment of salaries of the members of the Board of Finance for the three months ending March 31, 1886, when due, viz:

E. E. Datz	$125
John Edelstein	125
A. A. Hardenbergh	125
Thomas D. Jordan	125
William D. Reynolds	125

Mr. Edelstein moved that the above resolution lay on the table.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above motion it was carried unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That this Board do now proceed to the election of Assessors for the First and Second Districts for one year, commencing April 7th, 1886.

Mr. Reynolds moved that the resolution be amended to include Assessors for the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth.

The ayes and nays having been called on the amendment it was lost by the following vote;

Ayes—Messrs. Hardenbergh and Reynolds.

Nays—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

The original motion was then put and carried by the following vote:

Ayes—Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Nays—President Datz and Mr. Reynolds.

The President having declared nominations to be in order,

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated as Assessor of the First District P. H. O'Neill.

No other nominations having been made a ballot was then had, the Clerk acting as teller, which resulted as follows:

P. H. O'Neill received five votes.

P. H. O'Neill having received the full vote of the Board the President declared him elected as Assessor for the ensuing year.

Mr. Edelstein nominated as Assessor of the Second District Michael J. O'Rourke.

No other nominations having been made a ballot was then had, the Clerk acting as teller, which resulted as follows:

Michael J. O'Rourke received five votes.

Michael J. O'Rourke having received the full vote of the Board the President declared him elected Assessor of the Second District for the ensuing year.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, April 1st, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular meeting was dispensed with, and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Communication from the Corporation Attorney requesting information as to the suit brought by George F. Swift against the city for balance claimed to be due on his contract for cleaning the streets of Jersey City for the year 1885.

Received and referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of C. Soltau for return of money erroneously paid on taxes of 1879.

Petition of James C. Lindsay to have taxes reduced.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from William G. Bumstead, Robert Packer, Frank L. Clark, Frank Rapp, F. S. Emmons, Thomas A. Lane and Henry Fitch.

All the above petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of Carroll & Sweeney of $22.50 for coal delivered at City Hall.

Claim of Robert Lightfoot of $3.18 for typewriting report of Commissioners of Appeal as to reduction of values.

Claim of the Evening Journal of $15 for advertising official notices.

Claim of F. T. Kelaher of $10.95 for plumbing work in City Hall.

All the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The City Comptroller reported the following total receipts of the City Treasury March 26th to April 1st, 1886, to be $30,484.59.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from the City Collector nominating for approval Christopher Smith as clerk in the City Collector's office at a salary of $70 per month, term of office to begin April 1, 1886.

Mr. Edelstein moved that the appointment be confirmed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion, it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Hardenbergh.

Mr. Reynolds being excused from voting.

Official bond of George W. Mitchell as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Richard Driscoll and Enoch Becker as sureties.

Official bond of Hugh Fagen as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick H. Nugent and William Symes as sureties.

Official bond of Michael J. Hughes as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures, in the sum of $1,000, with Dennis McLaughlin and John Kelly as sureties.

All the above official bonds were received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $500 from the account of repairs to Engine House No. 3 to a special account to repair Mountain Road.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

The following concurrent resolutions were received from the Board of Public Works and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $1,696.68.

2. Pay roll Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $643.33.

3. Pay roll Committee on Pumping and Reservoirs for the month of March, 1886, amounting to $3,160.84.

4. Fixing the salary of Rudolph Schmalfelt at $1,000 per annum to date from April 1, 1886.

5. Two resolutions ordering paid certain claims.

Communication from His Honor the Mayor.

JERSEY CITY, March 29, 1886.

To the Hon. the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

GENTLEMEN—I return without my approval your resolution compromising the liability to assessment for the improvement of Clinton avenue of the property of O. H. Sanderson. It appears that this property has been assessed and the assessment had been set aside by the Supreme Court, but there is now no assessment existing upon it, inasmuch as the act under which alone you have authority to make compromises by its terms extends only to "past due assessments." I think the case of Mr. Sanderson is not within your power.

Yours respectfully,

GILBERT COLLINS,
Mayor.

On motion the communication was laid on the table.

On motion the Board took a recess for twenty minutes.

The Board reassembled, all the members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of Anna M. Chedsey for the payment of interest due on revenue bond, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, Anna M. Chedsey has filed with this Board a bond of indemnity for duplicate requisition for interest due on revenue bond No. 21, issued in 1877, which said interest was due on the 1st day of December, 1885, but which original requisition she certifies has never been received; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed and authorized to issue his requisition for the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars, being amount of interest due on said bond No. 21, December 1st, 1885, and be it further

Resolved, That the bond of indemnity given by the said Anna M. Chedsey in the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars with Nathan A. Chedsey and William Clarke as sureties be accepted.

The same committee reported on resolution from the Board of Education requesting transfer, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer to the account of furniture repairs and gas, fiscal year 1884-85, the following unexpended balances, to wit:

From account of census, $72.42; from payment of contractors for work and materials, $148.75; from Janitor's supplies, $20.42; from printing and blanks, $75.98; from rentals,

$117.50; from books, stationery and music, $196.40; from Annual Report $50, Board of Education, fiscal year 1884 and '85.

The same committee reported on the official bonds of Patrick Long, Wm. Thompson, John Mullery, Thomas Kelly and Hugh Fagan as Inspectors of Scales, Weights and Measures, recommending that they be approved, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions and recommendations adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported on the following concurrent resolutions from the Board of Public Works, recommending that they be concurred in:

1. Pay roll of Committee on Water Rates and Assessments for thawing out hydrants and turning on water, month of March, 1885, amounting to $304.50.

2. Ordering paid claim of Phillip Reilly.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of William G. Bumstead, Robert Packer, Frank L. Clark, Frank Rapp, F. S. Emmons, Thomas A. Lane and Henry Fitch for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted .

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved that the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the resolution authorizing the expenditure of $495 for the repair of "Mountain Road wall," be taken from the table and the Clerk directed to read the same.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above motion it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—None.

Nays—President Datz Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

By Mr. Jordan and carried:

Moved that the resolution ordering paid the salaries of the members of the Board of Finance and Taxation for the three months ending March 31st, 1886, be taken from the table.

Mr. Jordon moved that the resolution be adopted.

The ayes and nays having been called on the resolution it was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nay—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to transfer that amount from general account to July, 1885, interest.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution it was adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved that when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, April 6, 1886, at 4.30 o'clock p. m.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Tuesday, April 6th, 1886, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

Present—All the members.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petition of William Ferguson and estate of F. W. Klein for compromise of assessments,

Both received and referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the United Gas and Improvement Co. of $17 for gas consumed in City Hall from February 28th to March 31st, 1886.

The above claim was received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Opinion of the Corporation Counsel on petition of George F. Swift for the payment of moneys due on contract, recommending that the Board pay the same.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on the official bond of Michael J. Hughes as Inspector of scales, weights and measures, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above report it was adopted unanimously.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petition of St. Michael's Church recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record on the books in his office, the sales made of lot 11, block 258, for the years 1878, 1879, 1877, 1876, 1874, 1873, said property being used for church purposes, and therefore exempt from taxation.

The same committee reported on petitions of William Ferguson and the estate of F. W. Klein for compromise of assessments.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions the reports of the committee were received and the resolutions adopted unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

By Mr. Edelstein and carried:

Moved that the veto of his Honor the Mayor on the resolution compromising the assessment of O. H. Sanderson for the improvement of Clinton avenue be taken from the table and the clerk directed to read the same.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of his Honor the Mayor.

The yeas and nays having been called on the above motion it was lost by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Edelstein, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Nays—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Whereas, R. B. Seymour was appointed by this Board Corporation Attorney for this city at an annual salary of $1,800; and

Whereas, The said R. B. Seymour has neglected to file with this Board his consent thereto, or if such consent has been filed it has been mislaid or lost; therefore, be it

Resolved, That R. B. Seymour be requested to forthwith consent or agree in writing to take and receive as full payment for his past services as Corporation Attorney a salary at the rate of $1,800 per annum, and that he will hereafter continue his said services as Corporation Attorney at the same rate or salary so long as he is retained in said office, and that he file said agreement or consent with the clerk of this Board on or before the 13th day of April, 1886.

By Mr. Edelstein:

Resolved, That by request the position of clerk in the office of the City Collector, now held by Lewis E. Smith, be declared vacant on and after April 15th, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Reynolds and carried:

Moved, That this Board do now proceed to elect Assessors for the Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Districts, for the ensuing year.

The President appointed as tellers Messrs. Edelstein and Jordan.

Mr. Edelstein nominated as Assessor for the Third District William McAlvannah.

President Datz nominated John C. Robbins.

A ballot was then had, with the following results:

John C. Robbins received three votes.

William McAlvannah received two votes.

John C. Robbins having received a majority of the votes cast, the President declared him to be elected Assessor for the Third District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Reynolds nominated as Assessor for the Fourth District Thomas McEwan, Jr.

Mr. Hardenbergh nominated James J. Esterbrook.

A ballot was then had, with the following result:

Thomas McEwan, Jr., received three votes.

James J. Esterbrook received two votes.

Thomas McEwan, Jr., having received a majority of the votes cast the President declared him to be elected Assessor for the Fourth District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Reynolds nominated as Assessor for the Fifth District David W. Lawrence.

Mr. Edelstein nominated James Lynch.

A ballot was then had with the following result:

David W. Lawrence received four votes.

James Lynch received one vote.

David W. Lawrence having received a majority of the votes cast the President declared him elected to act as Assessor for the Fifth District for the ensuing year.

Mr. Jordan nominated as Assessor for the Sixth District Alfred Van Winkle.

Mr. Edelstein nominated John S. De Hart.

A ballot was then had with the following result:

Alfred Van Winkle received three votes.

John S. DeHart received two votes.

Alfred Van Winkle having received a majority of the votes cast the President declared him elected Assessor of the Sixth District for the ensuing year.

On motion the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. McANENY, Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation, held in the City Hall, Thursday, April 9th, 1886, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Present — President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

On motion the reading of the minutes of the last regular and regular adjourned meetings was dispensed with and they were approved as written.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Petitions for compromise of assessments were received from E. Finley, Emma Cantlon and John Stapleton. All of which were referred to the Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments.

Petition of William G. Bumstead, attorney for George Swift, requesting payment of a judgment recovered against the city.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

Claim of the Jordan Stationery Co. of $12 for postage stamps.

Claim of the American District Telegraph Co. of $26.80 for messenger service during the month of March, 1886.

Both of the above claims were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

M. C Cleveland, agent for the Collection of Arrears of Personal Taxes, reported that he had collected from the date of his last report the sum of $650.69.

Received and ordered filed.

Official bond of George W. Mitchell as Inspector of scales, weights and measures in the sum of $1,000, with Nicholas Becker and Wm. A. Fercsh as sureties.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Claims.

Concurrent resolution from the Board of Public Works, ordering paid claim of Michael Mullery of $289.17, for grading Wayne street between Cornelison avenue and Gray street.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

On motion the Board took a recess for ten minutes.

The Board reassembled—the same members present.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance and Claims reported on petition of William G. Bumstead, attorney, requesting payment of a judgment recovered by George F. Swift vs. The City, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of William G. Bumstead, attorney for George F. Swift, for the sum of $1,018 71, being amount of judgment and cost recovered in the Hudson Circuit Court in a suit in which George F. Swift was plaintiff and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City defendants; provided, however, a proper satisfaction piece, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, be filed with the City Clerk before the warrant is delivered.

The same committee reported on the official bond of George W. Mitchell as Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures with Nicholas Becker and William A. Ferch, as sureties, recommending that the same be received, spread at large on the bond book and ordered filed.

The ayes and nays having been called on the above resolution, the report of the committee were receievd and the resolution and recommendation adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs, Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

The same committee reported verbally adverse to granting the following resolutions and recommending that they be placed on file.

1. Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting an apportionment of the monies appropriated for armory purposes.

2. Resolution from the Board of Aldermen requesting this Board to take cognizance of the Legislature in reference to recording bonds of all city officers.

3. Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $800 from reconstruction of streets and sewers to engineering bureau fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

4. Resolution from the Board of Public Works requesting transfer of $2,000 from the appropriation for cleaning sewers to engineering bureau fiscal year 1885 and 1886.

The Committee on Salaries, Taxes and Assessments reported on petitions of E. Finley and Emma Cantlon for compromise of assessments, recommending that they be granted.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, the reports of the Committee were received and the resolutions adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh, Jordan and Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the office of Marshal of the Second District Court now held by William H. Jones, be and the same is hereby declared vacant.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That Richard Boucher be and he is hereby appointed Marshal of the Second District Court, at a salary of $50 per month, term of office to begin April 9th, 1886.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions, they were adopted by the following vote:

Ayes—President Datz, Messrs. Hardenbergh and Jordan.

Nay—Mr. Reynolds.

Absent—Mr. Edelstein.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Board are due and are hereby tendered to the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the able and correct manner in which they have performed their various duties during the past year.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be tendered to Emil E. Datz for the fair and impartial and courteous manner in which he has presided during the past year.

By Mr. Reynolds:

Resolved, That the Board of Finance and Taxation hereby tender their thanks to the Corporation Counsel, John A. Blair, as a fitting recognition of the close attention which he has given the duties of his office during the past year.

By Mr. Hardenbergh:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Board be and are hereby tendered to Thomas Earle, City Treasurer, for his faithful performance of duty and for the readiness which he has ever shown in his intercourse with the members of this Board in acquainting them from time to time with the financial condition of the city.

The ayes and nays having been called on each of the above resolutions they were adopted unanimously.

By Mr. Hardenbergh, and carried:

Moved, That when this Board adjourns it will adjourn to meet Tuesday, April 13th, 1886, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

GEORGE F. MCANENY, Clerk.

Regular adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance and Taxation held in the City Hall Tuesday, April 13th, 1886, at 11:30 o'clock a. m.

Present—All the members.

The Clerk having read the minutes of the last regular meeting they were on motion approved as written.

On motion of Mr. Jordan the Board adjourned.

GEO. F. MCANENY, Clerk.

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